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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB

Tennis Tournament

Weather permitting FINALS will take place as follows:—
OPEN SINGLES... MONDAY, 29th April.

OPEN DOUBLES... WEDNESDAY, 1st May.
Play commences at 4.30 p.m. sharp each day.

Booking for Stand now open at Moutries.

Tickets \$1 incl. tax.

Prize-giving will take place after OPEN DOUBLES FINAL.

THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 30th May, 1940, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd May to 13th June inclusive.

By order of the Board,
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LTD.

General Managers,
Hongkong, 16th April, 1940.

HONGKONG ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the EIGHTEENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders of the Hongkong Engineering & Construction Company, Limited, will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Sir Ely Kadoorie & Sons, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, the 1st May, 1940, at 12 o'clock (Noon), for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the year ended on the 31st December, 1939, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 22nd April to the 1st May, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
B. ALVES, Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1940.

THE ROYAL ENGINEERS

New Colonels-Commandant

The War Office announces that the King has been pleased to approve the following appointments as Colonels-Commandant, Royal Engineers:—

Lieutenant-General Sir Guy C. Williams, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., with effect from February 10, 1940, in succession to Colonel (honorary Major-General) C. Coffin, V.C., C.B., D.S.O., retired pay, who attains the age limit for the appointment on that date.

Major-General G. H. Addison, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., retired pay, with effect from March 30, 1940, in succession to Major-General Sir Henry F. Thwaites, K.C.B., C.M.G., retired pay, who completes the tenure of his appointment on that date.

Lieutenant-General E. K. Squires, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., with effect from June 3, 1940, in succession to Colonel (honorary Major-General) Sir Sydney D'A. Crookshank, K.C.M.G., C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., M.V.O., retired pay, who attains the age limit for the appointment on that date.

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One man runs private war Defies Nazi Navy

BURLY Captain Christian Holm, forty-three-year-old skipper of the Danish steamer Inga, has called a truce in the private war he has been waging against the German Navy since the enemy invaded his country.

The war began early in January, when his 2,000-ton ship, bound for England, was hailed by a Nazi patrol boat far out in the North Sea. Said Skipper Holm:

"It was pitch dark, so I shouted back that I was stopping. But instead I ordered all lights out and full speed ahead, and hung over the wheel until we were heading straight for that Nazi boat.

"The German captain saw the danger, and just had time to get out of our way. It was too dark for him to do anything to us, and we just hurried abuse at each other.

"Last thing we heard was a radio message from the German: 'Don't worry, Inga, we'll get you next time!'

'Get Him' Order

Skipper Holm reached Britain, and started back again across the North Sea. His friends in other ships warned him that the Nazi patrols and U-boats were out for his blood. One particular boat, they said, had been detailed to get him. But nothing happened.

The skipper left Denmark again for Britain. Out in the North Sea he was signalled to stop by a U-boat. It said:—

"You are the famous runaway Inga. You won't get away this time."

"I said to the boys," he said, "It's dark, and we're faster than they are. Let's try to get away again."

So he ordered full speed ahead and thumbed his nose at the U-boat.

"The last thing I heard," he said, "was a radio threat from the captain:—

"The water is cold. You had better stop. Then, as we flew away: 'We'll wait for you!'

But on the way back to Denmark Skipper Holm took a different course and reached home safely.

"I have had enough for a time."

SHOP WRECKED—THEY SLEPT ON

A six-wheeled lorry crashed into a shop in Bath-street, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leicestershire, and smashed the door, the plate-glass window, and a glass show-case inside the shop.

But Mr. and Mrs. W. Gadsby, who were asleep on the premises, were not disturbed.

"They slept on until aroused by the police half an hour later."

GIRLS MAY TAKE CHARGE IN A.R.P.

BRITAIN'S civil defence may have to be shouldered almost entirely by women if the war develops to tremendous proportions.

That is the opinion of Admiral Sir Edward Evans ("Evans of the Broke"), London's A.R.P. Commissioner, who warned the country recently of the danger of losing the war on the home front.

"Keep constantly in training for the great trial which we believe awaits you," Sir Edward implored a Camberwell parade of 2,000 civil defence workers.

"I hope the time will never come for women to take over the task," he said, "but people in this country have not yet given a proper appreciation to the value of man-power, which is limited.

"In fact, it is so limited that, unless the best of our manhood is properly employed, I believe it possible for us to lose the way on the home front.

"I am not a pessimist, nor am I an alarmist.

"But I do face facts and I do believe that to-day too many people are sitting back complacently, expecting to win the war by leaflets and a debate rather than mobilise the nation's reserve, man-power, will-power and thinking power."

Sir Edward said that unfair criticism of the Services had largely disappeared.

"The nation has become A.R.P. conscious and certainly air-raid-minded after learning of what had

SECRET IS OUT

German cartoonists have begun poking fun at a "secret weapon" France is supposed to possess. Here are two examples of Tontonic humour on the subject from the "Berliner Illustrierte."



The secret weapon (above) is revealed. It is a giant magnet swung over the German lines and used to lift the troops from their trenches by the attraction of their steel helmets. The sun (right) rises in the East, that is, behind the German lines, so the French have invented an artificial sun, which they attach to a balloon on dull days. This is meant to deceive the Germans, who accordingly turn round and shoot at their own positions.

CITY OF FLINT MASTER ACCUSED

NEW YORK. UNTIL now, Joseph A. Gairard, skipper of the freighter City of Flint, has been an heroic figure.

But to-day he stands accused by the National Maritime Union of "gross neglect of duty" and "repeatedly playing into the Nazis' hands."

Captain Gairard dismissing the charges laconically as "ridiculous." Two sailors of the freighter and a cabin boy have made affidavits saying that Gairard neglected several opportunities to get his ship away from the Nazi prize crew, and to get in touch with the American authorities.

The union now demands that his masters certificate be cancelled.

WAR on the Western Front, in Finland and in China, has been doing nothing to America's front page for many months, but to-day it was pushed to the inside pages by home political news.

White-haired Republican Senator Arthur Vandenberg, one of the day's potential candidates for the White House, speaking at St. Paul, Minnesota, last night shouted:—

"The American people are tired of life on the flying trapeze. They are tired of Bureaucrats, Boondoggles, Barnacles, Brains Trusts, Ballyhoo and Bankruptcy."

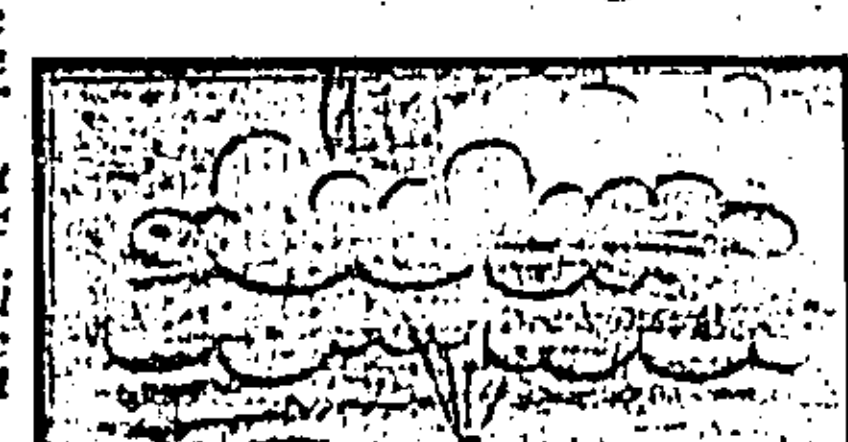
Beachcombers Reap £40-a-day Harvest from War Wrecks

WAR-TIME beachcombers around Britain are earning up to £40 a day, on their lucky days.

Wherever a cargo vessel has been sunk off the coast since the war they have gathered there with their grappling tackle.

Evacuated schoolchildren are sharing in this rich harvest in many places.

Those who tow ashore bales of cotton are paid between £1 and 30s. for the salvage, while others are busy hauling ashore huge lengths of expensive timber, which are stacked on the foreshore.



CHAT WITH CANNIBAL

MR. MALCOLM MACDONALD, Colonial Secretary, told an Oxford audience of a chat he had with a cannibal chief in the South Sea Islands. The conversation went like this:

Have you yourself eaten human flesh?
Yes, many a time.
What does it taste like?
Good roast pork.
Which taste the better—coloured men or white men?
Coloured men, because white men have too much salt in their flesh.
Have you ever eaten a white man?
No, only an American.

Mr. MacDonald told dons and undergraduates of this experience to drive home a point in his speech that it would not have done to grant complete freedom in every part of the world. Gradual and steady evolution was the better way, he said.

TALL?—DON'T TRY TO BE CUTE & CUDDLY

TALL girls should never apologise for their height—they should dramatise it.

Miss Peg Newton, New York modiste—she is 5ft. 10in. herself—gives this as a key rule for the tall.

Here are other gems of advice:—
You can't get by with cuteness. Be dignified instead—or the shrew type.

Wear high heels. A tall woman in flat heels seems to be apologising for her height. Don't do that—dramatise it! Without good posture, confidence and a bit of dash you are lost. Don't wear a hat with a red feather waving in the air. But wear smart hats; don't try to look like a little brown bird by squashing your hats down and wearing drab colours.

Girls 5ft. 10in. to 6ft. 2in. seem to be increasing, says Peg, but fortunately they are less likely to be self-conscious about it than their mothers were.

They carry their heads proudly, she declares. They don't stoop, even when dancing with a short man. And, best of all, they don't try to be "cute and cuddly."

Peg ought to know. Her profession is dressing tall women. Her little shop has high-ceilinged rooms and her fitter is 5ft. 10in.—all part of the idea of making women live up to their height.

War Drums Will Be Silenced, Unless—

The war drums are beating again, and Britain's vellum manufacturers (you can count them on the fingers of one hand) are working to capacity to satisfy the demands of the Army drum-makers for more and more drumheads.

But this side of Britain's war effort is likely to be held up if the Minister of Supply doesn't do something quickly about the supply of calf skins.

Manufacturers are having difficulty in getting them... and English calf skins make the best vellum.

Mr. H. T. Lonsdale, whose family have been making vellum by hand at New Eltham, London, S.E., for more than 200 years, says: "There are not enough English calf skins to go round, and the supply of imported hides is limited. Something will have to be done soon if the manufacturers are to keep pace with the demand."

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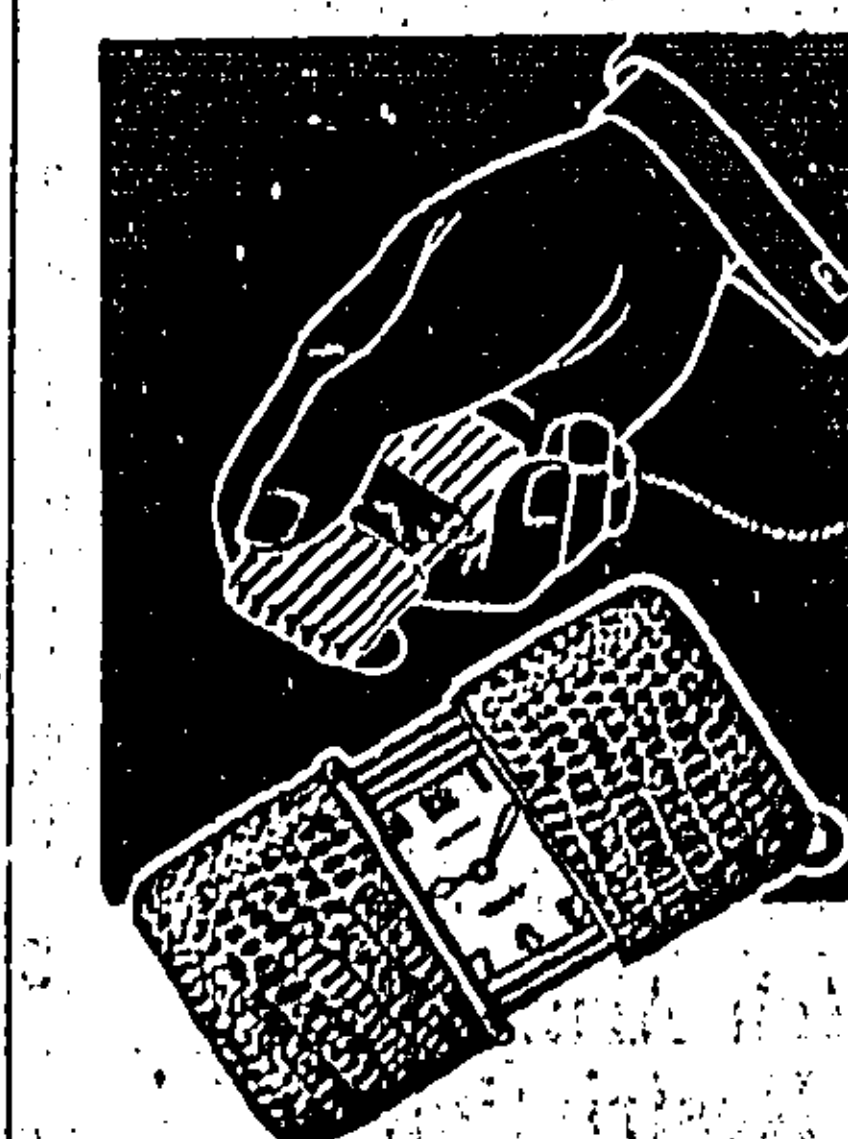
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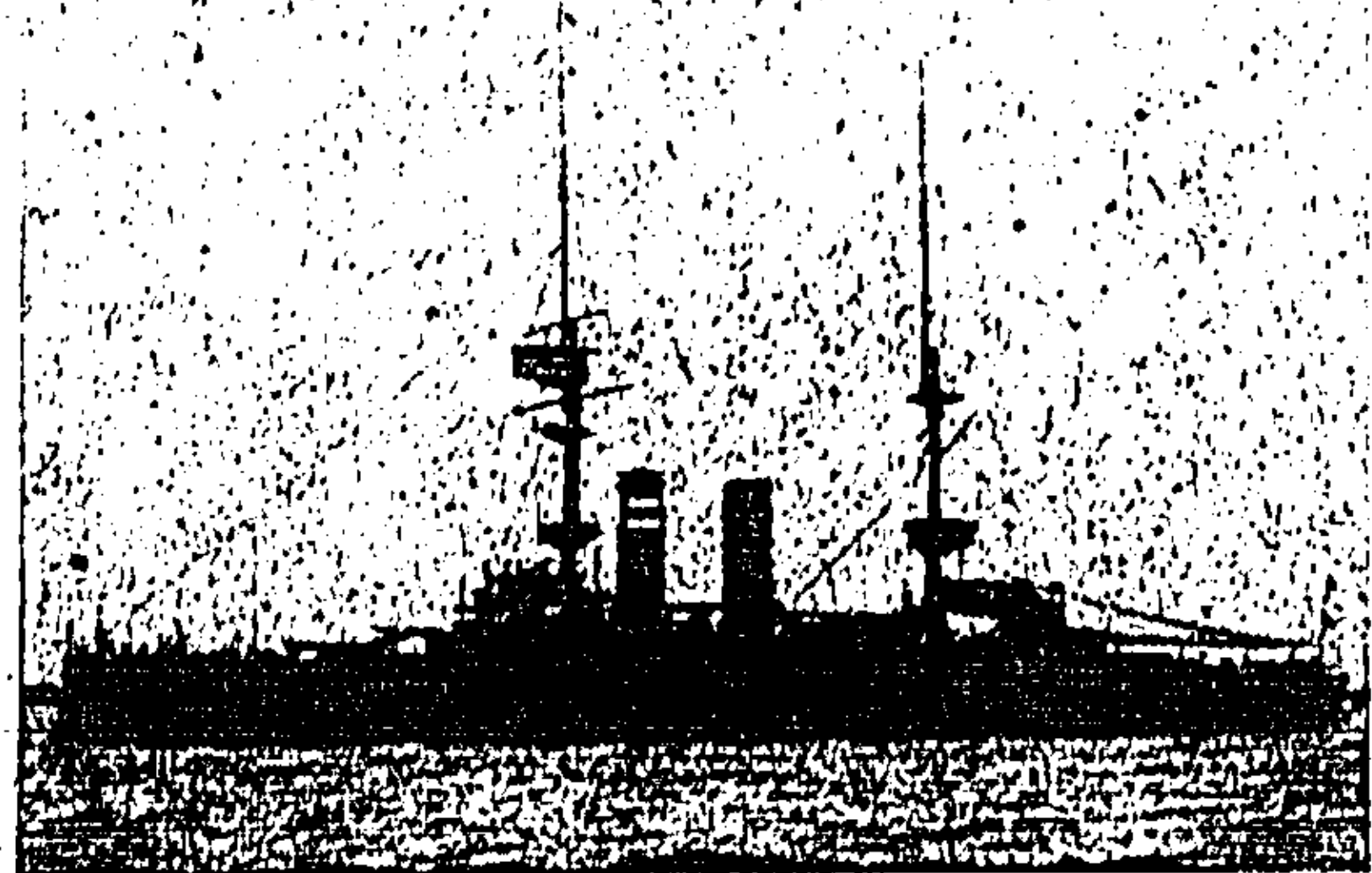
New Arrival
of
ERMETO MOVADO

MAGAZINE PAGE

PUT BACK THE CLOCK

Budget Speech 1896

INCOME TAX WAS UP TO 8d. (UPROAR); BRITAIN FACED HER FIRST PEACE-TIME £100,000,000 BILL; THEY WANTED ANOTHER COUPLE OF MILLION FOR THE NAVY ("UNPRECEDENTED INCREASE")



THIS WAS THE NAVY'S LAST PRINCE OF WALES

Another Prince of Wales joins the Navy

A new battleship has been added to the Royal Navy. Old-time tradition has been upheld. There is yet another Prince of Wales in the fighting fleet. A famous ship's name is revived.

The naming of British warships is always a subject of considerable care. This year, it is estimated, 100 vessels of various classes, ranging from battleships to river sloops, will take the water—an average of about two per week.

Nearly every new ship will have a distinctive name which will carry on the long traditions of the Senior Service.

There sit from time to time in a room in the Admiralty in Whitehall a special committee of naval officers and experts.

They decide on what names for new ships should be suggested to the First Lord for subsequent submission to the King. For the name of every ship in the Royal Navy must be approved by his Majesty.

The new Prince of Wales is the successor to a privateer employed by the exiled King James II, and captured by the forces of King William in 1693.

The first line-of-battle ship to bear the name, however, was not put into service until 1765, when a vessel of 74 guns was built at Milford and named after the future Prince Regent, then an infant of two and a half years.

A contemporary witness describes the scene at the launching: "Ten thousand spectators covered the hills all round, which with several of H.M. ships, a great number of sloops, and other vessels made a beautiful appearance."

"The decorations and carved wood are light, graceful, and elegant. The head is a bust of H.R.H. supported on each side by Liberty and Wisdom and appearing with all the dignity of a Prince of the Ancient Britons."

The ship fought at Grenada and was blown up 15 years later, a very short life for a man-of-war in those days.

The next Prince of Wales was a vessel of 98 guns which fought at the Glorious First of June and only missed being in line at Trafalgar owing to the fact that she was ordered to take home Sir Richard

Calder, who was recalled for not fighting his forces to a finish in an action with the French off Cape Finisterre.

The following Prince of Wales had her design changed twice, and was finally built as a screw three-decker in 1800. She was never commissioned, and was renamed Britannia and anchored at Dartmouth as a training ship. The last ship of the name was a 15,000-ton battleship of the Queen class, dating from 1902, and took part in the last war.

A New Lion

THE Royal Navy will soon have a new battleship called Lion, which will replace in the naval roster the flagship of Lord Beatty at Jutland.

The Lions have a history of more than 400 years, for it was in 1511 that the first Lion is recorded, a small ship of 120 tons, captured from Scotland.

The seventh of the giant battleship now building is the Temeraire—a "name of fair renown" as was recorded when Turner painted his immortal picture of the old Fighting Temeraire being towed to the ship-breakers' yard, exhibited in the Royal Academy in 1930.

This was the famous ship which was second-in-Nelson's line at Trafalgar. Her captain saw that the Victory was getting a great deal of enemy fire and manoeuvred his ship to protect her. Nelson immediately signalled that she go astern at once, where she was badly damaged.

But when the end came two hours after, it is related, "This magnificent ship lay with a French 74 on each side of her, both her prizes, one lashed to her mainmast and one to her anchor."

When she was finally scrapped, the occasion was one of almost national mourning.

A new illustrious has already been commissioned. She is the Navy's latest aircraft-carrier. The original illustrious was with Hood before Toulon in the Revolutionary wars. The second, after taking part in the ill-fated Walcheren expedition in 1809, became a training ship at Portsmouth.

The last ship was a battleship of 14,000 tons built in 1895.

She had a sister ship, Victorious, in the same class. There is about to be another Victorious, also an aircraft-carrier. The first Victorious was a 74-gun which took part in the capture of the Cape of Good Hope.

Prize Captures

THE new aircraft-carriers will also take two more honoured names—Formidable and Implacable. The first Formidable was captured from the French by Lord Hawke at the battle of Quiberon Bay in 1759. Another was at the relief of Gibraltar.

Likewise the first Implacable was a prize capture from the French, this time in the Napoleonic wars.

Everyone will welcome the revival of old traditions in the names of many of the new vessels—cruisers, destroyers, submarines, and depot ships. The cruiser Bonaventure has already been launched. The name has a history dating back to Henry VIII. Drake made his last voyage in a Bonaventure. A Bonaventure carried the Duke of Cumberland's flag at the fight with the Armada. She flew Drake's flag when that redoubtable sailor "slung the King of Spain's beard" in 1585 on the occasion of the daring raid at Cadiz.

There has been a Bonaventure in nearly every war of the past two and a half centuries.

Norman Hillson

"WITH reference to the enormous increase in expenditure the great question ought to be considered whether it is not now increasing faster than the capacity to bear it."

Wise words, you may think, in days when income tax is 7s. 6d. in £ and the country faces a Budget of £2,600,000,000.

Well—and who said them? They were spoken, with due solemnity, by Sir Michael Hicks-Beach ("Black Michael") when he opened his Budget in 1896.

It was a stupendous occasion. For the first time in the peace history of Britain, the Budget had risen to £100,000,000. Income tax (oh, intolerable burden!) stood at 8d. in the £. It had been 2d. in 1874, had risen to 6d. by 1884, and, after fluctuations, was 8d. by 1894.

These facts were noted with ominous head-shakings. There were references in the debate to the "unprecedented" increase in expenditure, which was mainly on a big scheme of naval expansion.

This cost the taxpayers £2,000,000 more than in 1895, and brought the outlay on the Navy up to a grand total of £21,823,000, or about one-seventh of the sum we are spending to-day.

Sir Henry Fowler (Wolverhampton) spoke severely about the income tax in 1896. "I assume," he said, "that in the opinion of the Government, 8d. in the £ is to be taken as the normal peace rate of income tax. But in my opinion 6d. is a very fair rate to impose in time of peace." (Cheers.)

The income tax had been first imposed in 1841 (except for a short period during the Napoleonic wars) by Sir Robert Peel to compensate him for the loss of duties after the repeal of the Corn Laws. It was a "temporary measure"—which has never been relaxed.

All For £200,000

THERE was a great Budget storm, too, in 1897, when Sir Michael Hicks-Beach proposed to spend money on increasing the garrison in South Africa.

The Liberal Opposition at once raised the cry of a "war policy." Sir William Harcourt (how familiar it all sounds!) denounced Mr. Joseph Chamberlain and said, "The Opposition will offer a most determined resistance to money being spent on promoting aggressive and warlike policies in South Africa."

Then, after a dramatic pause, and pointing an accusing finger, he cried: "You are asking for £200,000!"

And it was true. No wonder the country was shaken to its financial foundations.

Cries of "Ruin" have punctuated nearly every Budget since, for back as 1898, when the country was spending about £65,000,000 a year on everything, Mr. Gladstone warned Parliament about the "great, rapid, and menacing expenditure" which wealthy Victorian England was incurring.

Do not imagine that the expenditure of our grandfathers was as great as is to-day in comparison with their national income.

When annual Budgets were about £70,000,000 in the 1870's, the national income was more than £1,000,000,000 a year. In other words they spent about 7 per cent. of their income. To-day England is spending five times that proportion on defence alone; and for all purposes she is disbursing more than 42 per cent. of her entire national receipts.

The time they took in those days, too! Why, Mr. Gladstone once occupied five hours in counting up the happenings.

But when Mr. Bonar Law came to deal with the all-time high in British Budgets—the accounts of 1918—he got through them in about two hours. And in that time he had disposed of £2,972,000,000. Never before or since, not even in the figures presented by Sir John Simon yesterday, have such astronomical figures been submitted.

We were at war, of course. The United Kingdom was then spending

nearly £7,000,000 a day to pay for it. Mr. Gladstone would have been bankrupt in ten days at that rate.

But in 1918 there were no shouts of alarm. We had got past alarm after four years of war. In fact, the whole debate was remarkable for the absence of such justifiable adjectives as "gigantic," "colossal," or "unbearable."

A Luxury Tax Then

MR. BONAR LAW was quiet and unemotional. All he permitted himself at the outset was the remark that his statement would be on a scale "far exceeding any that has been known at any time or in any country."

Later in his speech he said, "We really must be moderate in the amount we raise by taxation." He explained that he was asking for a mere £774,000,000 on the existing basis of taxation, and he asked the indulgence of the House for proposals to raise another £114,000,000 in new taxes.

He increased the super-tax from 3s. 6d. to 4s. 6d.; doubled the tax on farmers, on spirits (making 5s. a bottle), on beer; put 2d. on tobacco, 1d. on matches, 1½d. on sugar; imposed a luxury tax of 2d. in the 1s.; raised postage from 1d.

to 1½d.; the stamp on cheques from 1d. to 2d.

And he increased the income tax from 5s. to 6s. in the £.

The reception of that news was so remarkable that it is worth quoting:

Mr. Bonar Law: I should have been glad to leave it at 5s., but that is impossible, and I propose to increase the rate and make it 6s. in the £.

Hon. members: Hear, hear, and Not enough!

Mr. Bonar Law: I hope the exclamations I have just heard reflect the general view of income-tax payers.

There was a bit of grumbling, of course, but George Robey had a song about it, and people laughed it off. The war was won that year.

One other passage in Bonar Law's statement is worth noting. He said the figures were "an amazing testimony to the financial stability of this country."

Britons have, after all, to thank Gladstone and Hicks-Beach and all the others for that. If they had not looked after the pennies, Sir John Simon could not have been so prodigal with the pounds.

G. M. Murray

The Photographer

How Enlargements Are Made



Enlarging brings out detail you can't see in a small print. Both these prints were made from the same negative. Only part of the negative was used, with surplus background and foreground are masked off. This is another advantage of the enlarging process—you can include just what you want, and omit excess material at the top, bottom, and sides of the picture.

BIG pictures are always better than small ones.

Not only is a large picture more impressive, but also it shows more detail—bringing out features that can hardly be seen at all in the small print.

Therefore, every enthusiastic amateur photographer has his best pictures enlarged—and, usually, looks forward to the time when he can have an enlarger of his own.

Of course, he can always obtain excellent enlargements from his photo-finisher—but the genuine hobbyist likes the thrill of experimenting, and making big prints himself.

With a modern precision-built enlarger, it is easy to produce enlargements.

In some respects, it's easier than contact printing.

The film negative is simply slipped into a carrier, which fits a slot in the enlarger lamp house. When the lamp is turned on, an enlarged image is projected on a paper holder below the enlarger lens.

You slip a sheet of sensitized paper into the paper holder—make

the exposure—then develop the paper as you would a contact print.

BY moving the enlarger head up and down, you can make prints any size up to the limitations of the enlarger.

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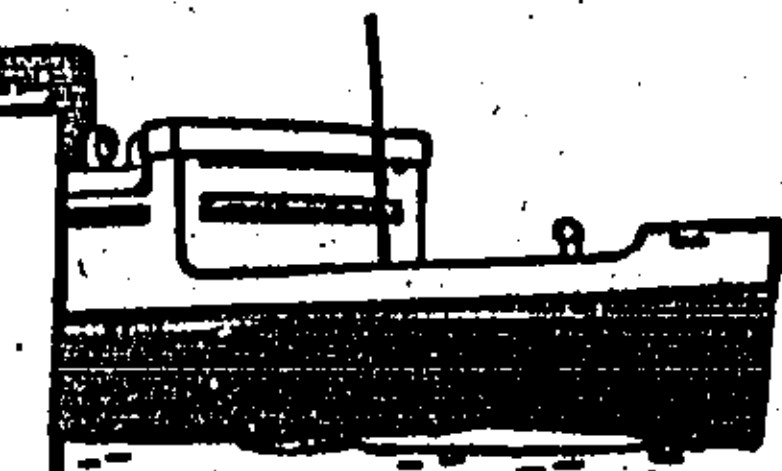
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MR. CHAMBERLAIN made a second attempt in the course of the year 1937 to break the ice of bad relations with the Nazi Government.

Arrangements had been made by General Goering, as Game Warden of The Reich, to hold a great hunting exhibition at Berlin in November. When I arrived at my post in May, I found that almost every European country was to be represented at this exhibition, except Great Britain.

It seemed to me unfortunate that we should not participate. I consequently appealed to the Foreign Office for help in securing a contribution from H.M. Government, even at that late hour, for this purpose.

Thanks to their good offices a small sum was forthcoming, and a highly satisfactory collection was arranged.

Secret behind Halifax visit

It is perhaps not out of place to mention here that in the final adjudication Poland received the first prize for the European section, and Britain the first prize for its overseas collection.

But the exhibition chiefly merits mention in this record owing to the fact that it furnished Lord Halifax, at that time Lord President of the Council, with the opportunity for a visit to Berlin.

It is true that in accordance with diplomatic tradition, albeit also in order to avoid exciting exaggerated hopes in some quarters and apprehension in others, the visit was described as entirely private and unofficial, and the Lord President's status as a Master of Foxhounds was accordingly carefully stressed.

But the fact remained that it was designed by Mr. Chamberlain to establish that personal contact between a prominent British statesman and the Nazi leaders which Hitler was believed to seek, and which, it was hoped, might lead to a better understanding.

As such taken by itself, it was entirely successful and, had a better understanding been possible or really wanted by Hitler, the visit would have largely contributed to it.

Goebbels behaved well

Lord Halifax landed on arrival with Baron and Baroness von Neurath, who were old acquaintances, and spent his first afternoon visiting the Exhibition of which, indeed, he was in German eyes one of the principal exhibits.

His passage through the dense throngs of people was certainly greeted by the public with evident sympathy and pleasure.

He paid it a second visit on the next day, and in the evening he went by train to Berchtesgaden, where he had a long conversation with Hitler.

He returned to Berlin on the morning of the 20th, and lunched with General Goering at Karinhall. That evening I gave a big dinner party at His Majesty's Embassy at which he met most of the other leading Nazi Ministers and personalities.

On the following day (Sunday), Dr. Goebbels and his wife came to



Lord Halifax at the Berlin hunting exhibition. "In German eyes he was one of the principal exhibits."

tea at the Embassy. While my sister, Lady Lettice, and Lady Alexandra Metcalfe, who were staying with me at the time, entertained Frau Goebbels, I acted as interpreter between Lord Halifax and Dr. Goebbels.

The subject of their conversation was the Press of our two countries, and for a while thereafter there was less friction in this respect. Nor can I refrain from observing that the reasonableness and logic, which Dr. Goebbels always displays in private, seemed to make, in spite of his reputation, quite a good impression upon Lord Halifax.

The Lord President left that evening for London. His time during his five days' visit to Germany had been fully occupied, and the general effect was up to a point undoubtedly good.

Hitler cannot but have been—and in fact, so I heard, was—impressed by the obvious sincerity, high principles and straightforward honesty of a man like Lord Halifax.

The general German public regarded the visit as a proof of British goodwill towards Germany and were clearly appreciative. Nevertheless, the official German tendency was to sit back and wait.

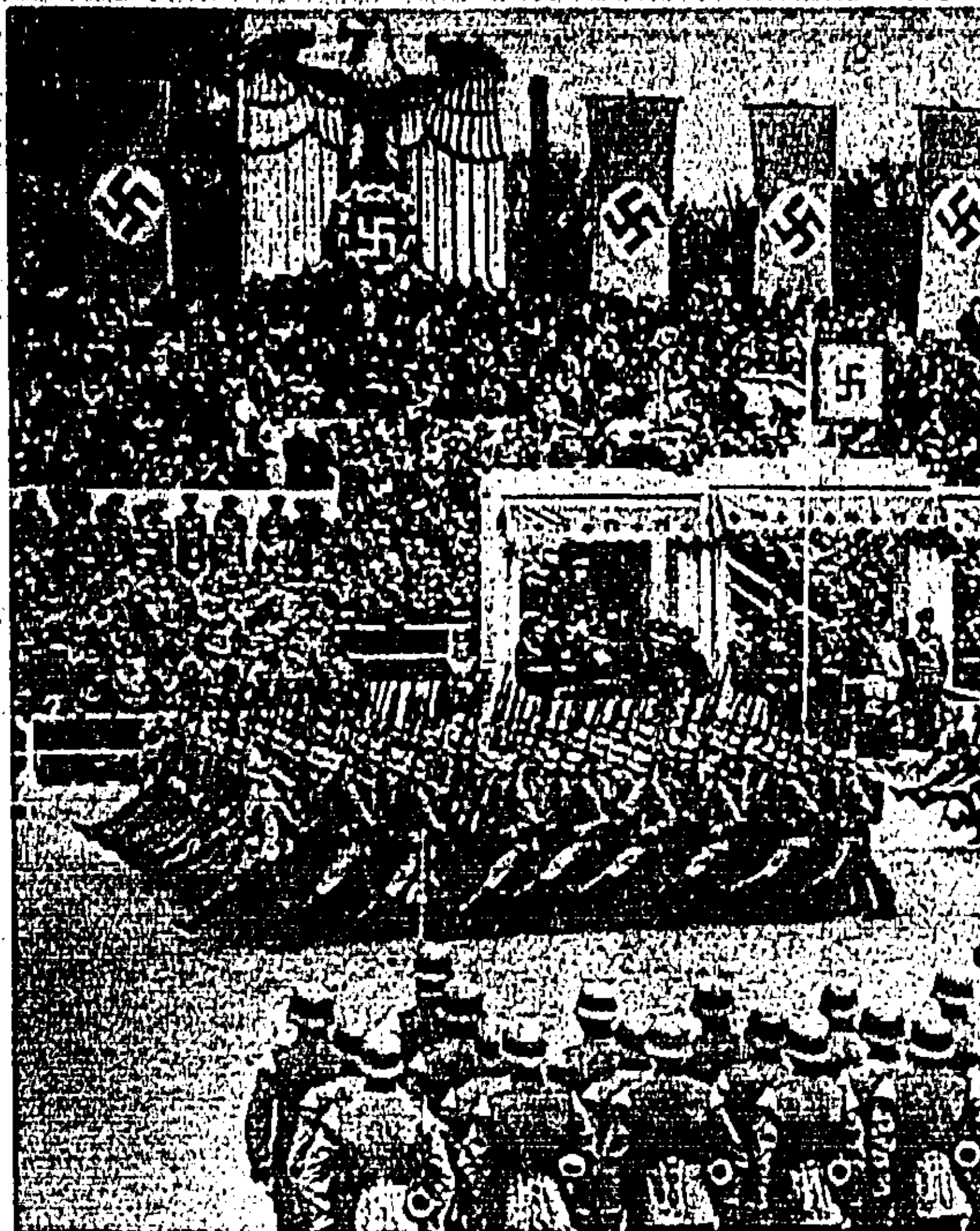
As Goering said to me after the visit, "Does the Prime Minister really mean business, and will he be able to impose his will upon those circles in England which seek to negative everything which is Nazi, or which is not run on the old lines of the League of Nations, French encirclement, collective security, and Russia as the counterpoise to Germany in Europe?"

That was the orthodox view in Germany at that time of British policy, but the fact was, that, in spite of all his professions of a desire for an understanding with Britain, Hitler was himself in no hurry.

He was astute enough to realize that he had first to cross the Austrian and other brooks. He was not prepared to sacrifice his Central European ambitions to that understanding.

Good relations with England only meant, for him, the acquiescence of England in his schemes for the redrawing of the Central European map.

GERMAN ARMS: MY SECRET WARNING



"The German army and air force were super-toys, and Hitler was determined to find . . . or make an occasion for proving what a formidable super-toy maker he was."

the whole German nation which is being prepared for war."

In the light of that paragraph written in the course of the first week of January, 1938, it seems astonishing that one should have managed to preserve at the time any shred of optimism.

It was, however, still possible to conceive that Hitler was acting solely on the principle for war.

"Wild Men" wanted action

I never had a shadow of doubt that his aims were the incorporation of Austria, the Sudetenlands, Memel and Danzig. His claims in these respects were based on the principle of self-determination, and a negotiated settlement in regard to them should not therefore have been impossible.

Even Hitler's emotion over dead Germans in connection with the Hindenburg and Deutschland disasters encouraged the illusion that he might recoil from a war in which such misfortune would be magnified a hundred thousand fold.

Time, which alone could do so, has proved the falsity of these hopes. Hitler and his wild men were not to be satisfied by a mere display of force to achieve their ends.

If one makes a toy, the wish to play with it becomes irresistible. And the German army and air force were super-toys, and Hitler was determined to find or, if he could not find, to make an occasion for proving, regardless of the cost, that he was a certain sentimental streak in his character.

But it was a typical streak of his two-sided nature, which he could assume or discard at will.

It was the same with his indignation over oppressed Germans in other countries (not over those—be it noted—in the concentration camps in his own country).

So long as good relations with Poland were necessary to his policy, he evinced no sympathy for the German minority in that country.

German lives will be sacrificed

In order to ensure Italy's goodwill, he proved that he was quite ready to sacrifice the German lands in South Tyrol, though possibly with the idea of sending them back again there later.

Since the war began he has authorised the infliction of untold hardships on the Baltic Germans, simply in order to oil the wheels of his present Russian policy.

On the other hand, when sentimentality served his immediate purpose, as in the case of the pro-Nazis in Austria, the Sudeten in Czechoslovakia or the German minority in Poland, he was able equally easily to work himself up into a frenzy on their behalf.

As with the oppressed, so it was with dead Germans.

He had publicly announced that he reckoned on heavy German losses if there was war with Poland. Yet that did not deter him from conceiving and carrying out his Polish campaign.

Similarly, there can, I think, be little doubt that he will sacrifice without a tremor countless thousands of lives on the Western Front if he believes that by so doing he will succeed in glorifying himself and in maintaining his own position and that of his party in Germany.

I have alluded to my mission to Berlin as a Drama. The year 1937 constituted its orchestral over-

ture, of which the Wagnerian leit-motifs were the disciplined tramp of armed men, ever louder and more multitudinous, and the ceaseless clank of heavy machinery forging guns and yet bigger guns, tanks and ever heavier tanks, bombers and still more powerful and destructive bombers.

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They were told that Mr. David R. Macintosh, the priest, was ill in bed.

Her "Holiday"

A waiter at the Hall said he would conduct the ceremony.

He did so, as the eloping couple stood beside the anvil.

Three weeks ago Miss Jameson left her home, saying she was going to spend a holiday with her aunt.

Instead, she came to Greina. She has stayed here since, to secure the necessary residential qualification.

Her sweetheart arrived the night before.

Miss Jameson says that her father is in Jamaica. She did not ask her mother's permission, fearing that she would refuse it.

Robinson said he was also afraid his parents would refuse permission. "The trouble is that I don't yet earn enough to keep a wife," he said. "But I am hoping we can stay with our people until I get some more money."

THE SHIPS THAT SWEEP THE SEA

(Continued from Page 6.)

How eager the men are for service is seen by the ready response made to the recent Admiralty appeal. Practically the entire man power of the drifter-fleets volunteered.

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FAMINE IN POLAND: NAZIS TAKE FOOD WAR'S GRIMMEST TRAGEDY NEAR

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RECENT German police decisions make it plain that the 310,000 Polish war prisoners in Germany, mostly employed in forced labour, are to be treated as "untouchables."

At Lohne, in Hanover, for instance, two Germans have just been sent to concentration camps because they sat drinking with a Polish prisoner.

By W. N. EWER
THE GRIMMEST mass tragedy of the war is being prepared in Poland.

By the end of Spring large areas will be in the grip of famine.

For the moment, according to reports reaching London from reliable sources, there is food enough, but the stocks are running low and nearing exhaustion.

The Germans have requisitioned and carried away too much.

Every farmer and every merchant who holds stocks of foodstuffs has had to make a return to the German authorities, and has then been told: "So much you must give up, so much you may keep."

And the amount taken is so great that in and around the cities only a few weeks' supply is left.

Eating Seed

In remoter parts the peasants are hiding and hoarding—risking death by shooting to avoid death by starving. Already they are beginning to slaughter cattle to save food-stuffs, a sure sign of impending famine.

There are reports of seed grain being used for food, another sure sign. The peasant, if he is lucky and is not caught, may manage to hide enough to keep his family alive. But in a few weeks' time there will be no food for the towns.

And in addition to the towns there is in Poland to-day, needing to be fed, a large and pitiable army of the "dispossessed."

There are hundreds of thousands of millions of them; men and women and children homeless and without resources.

Crowded Towns

All over Pomerania and Posen the Polish peasants have been "dispossessed," ordered at a few hours' notice to leave their homes, to hand over their farms to German settlers.

In the bitter cold they are wandering homeless across the country, finding shelter where they can, fed by their fellow-countrymen who have little enough to spare.

These wandering outcasts, these now overcrowded towns, are going quite soon to be smitten by famine.

City Columns Betray German Failures

INSIDE GERMANY

by Willi Frischauer

A NOTE of pessimism has lately crept into the City columns on the back of those same Nazi papers whose front pages brag about Germany's successful conduct of the war.

Phrased in such a way as simply to give information to the merchant or industrialist, these columns reveal a host of difficulties which face the Nazis.

There are veiled admissions that freights to and from Russia cannot be reduced, that transport costs may even have to be increased.

Germany's transport problem takes up most of the space in these City columns. They are full of advice on how this problem can be solved "in spite of existing conditions."

The effects of the blockade—roundly denied in the political part of the papers—are admitted frankly. The word blockade, of course, is never mentioned. "Certain difficulties" is the phrase employed, but it is easy to see what it means.

Exporters, for instance, are advised as to the "new methods" they must practice to avoid these "difficulties."

They must demand payment in advance if they export overseas and their responsibility for the goods must end with their arrival in the nearest neutral port.

THE Nazis, these last few weeks, have launched a violent anti-capitalist campaign, designed to swing

the workers more solidly behind them in the war.

But its targets are not the big Nazi profiteers; they are captains of industry who have already made their getaway from Germany.

Nazi newspapers now print almost daily reports about such fugitive capitalists, who are sentenced in their absence for evading taxes or similar offences.

In Vienna, Konrad Fehringer, "king of the Austrian gambling casinos" is the latest victim. He left the country a long time ago.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued yesterday says: There were no noticeable features in the market during the short session.

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GOEBBELS GIVES A PARTY

Recent events indicate that Goebbels is once more in favour with Hitler.

A short while ago the Führer paid a visit to the propaganda chief's magnificent country seat at Waldhof-am-Bogensee, 40 kilometres north of Berlin.

Hitler brought toys for the children and played with them. Frau Goebbels told the Berlin correspondent of the Berlingske Tidende.

Frau Goebbels told her guests—she was entertaining foreign journalists—that Hitler very much enjoyed the visit to Waldhof as a change from life in Berlin. "Where he is solely occupied with winning the war."

Frau Goebbels tried to persuade Hitler to see the film "Mother Love," which has aroused her enthusiasm to such a degree that she has seen it six times.

But all her efforts were in vain. Whereas one-course dinners are Hitler's rule, Frau Goebbels treated her guests to a more lavish meal.

It included asparagus soup and venison. Goebbels was a genial host, and told stories of his own journalistic experiences.

He was confiding as well. He said that at the present moment no Nazi would dream of asking Hitler about the future.

"The Führer speaks when he feels thus inclined," he said. "Until he is in the mood, no one disturbs him with questions. This conduct is dictated by respect for his genius."

Someone asked about the possibility of a German defeat. What then?

And Goebbels' reply was: "No National-Socialist would think of such cowardice as leaving the country. If our cause is lost, we must all die with it."

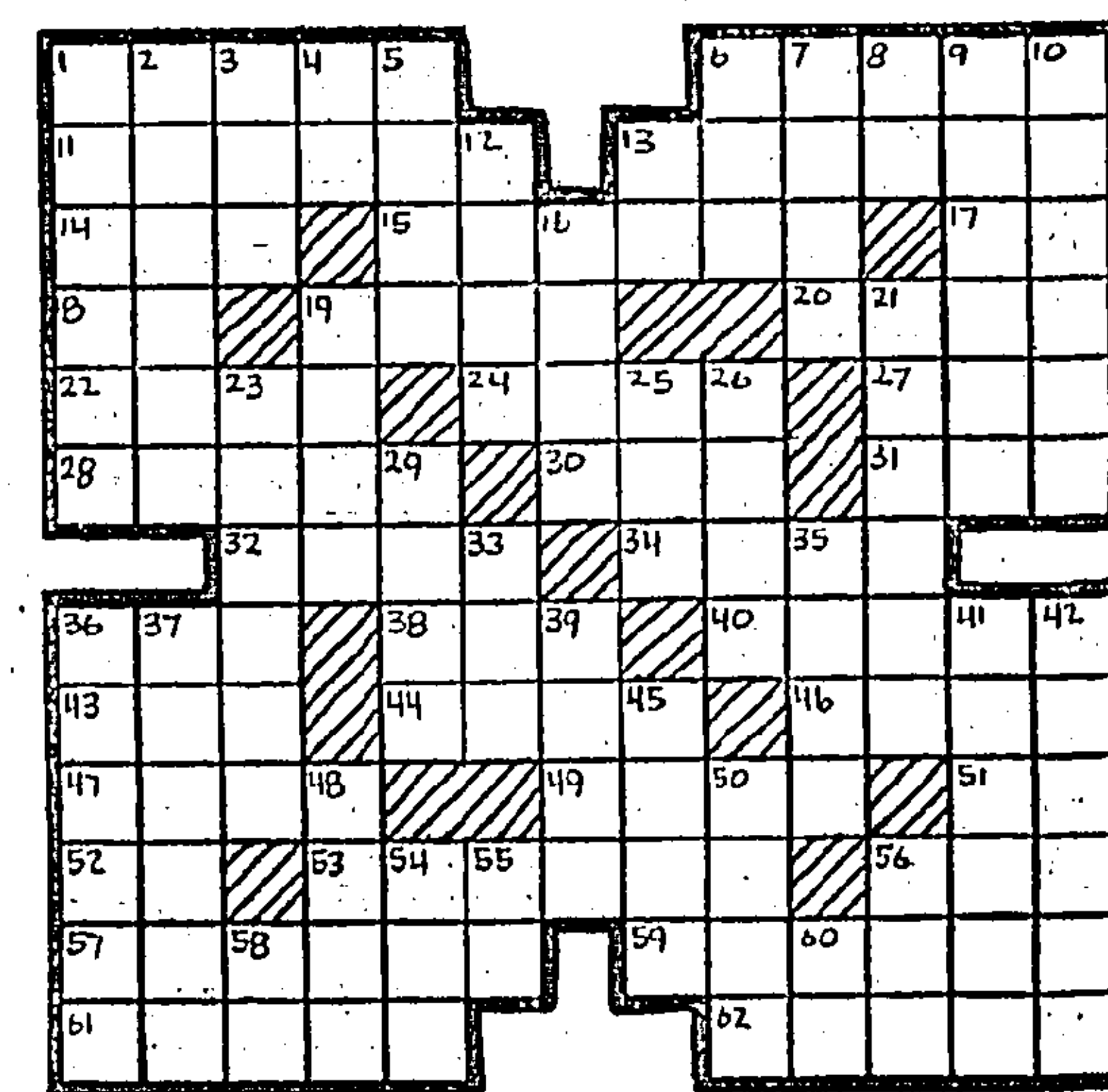
Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS
1—Indian warrior
6—Deported
11—Hydrophobia
12—Dance of great war
13—European Gas
14—Dames
15—Duke (abbr.)
16—Fishes twice
17—Son of Isaac
18—Sea in Turkish
19—Left looking south
20—Dance
21—Leverage
22—Egg
23—Birds for dining
24—Dead
25—One against
26—Town in Hungary
27—Self (Scottish)
28—Intelligence
29—Anima
30—Afternoon meal
31—Old
32—One of Zeus's wives
33—God (Latin)
34—Ancestor of Irish
35—Circumstantial note
36—Nervous twitching
37—Life
38—Punishing rod

DOWN
1—Corruption with money
2—Circular measure

3—Lincoln
4—Violet (dim.)
5—Long Babes
7—City in Italy
8—Zest
9—Great revolt
10—Flemish school
11—German coal area
12—Single combat
13—English school
14—Circumlocution
15—Pew
16—Fishes
17—Brings forth young
18—Announcement
19—Tiny
20—Pair
21—Musical drama
22—People with age
23—Brought out
24—Hemlock
25—At sea
26—Emphatic
27—Handful of the marshal
28—Runts: one who
29—Recalcitrant
30—Superior (abbr.)
31—Interpersonal language



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Anzac Day

COLOUR was lent to the celebration of the 25th anniversary of Anzac Day in Hongkong this morning by the presence at the Cenotaph of a large number of young Australian naval personnel who, since the outbreak of war, have been attached to the China Squadron.

The presence of these Australians in the Far East is no secret; they were, indeed, the first Australians to proceed overseas in the war against Nazism and would, no doubt, give as good an account of themselves if the occasion arose as did their fathers on the famous slopes of Gallipoli a quarter of a century ago.

It was not only the sons of the Anzacs who attended the simple ceremony at the Cenotaph this morning. Among the many people who participated in or were spectators of the wreath-laying ceremonies were no small number—who were actual participants in the Gallipoli Landing.

You saw them in the uniforms of the British Army and the British Navy; a trifle grey, now, around the temples, but still ready to jump into the same maelstrom of fire in defence of the Empire they love.

You saw them, too, in civilian clothes, members of the small family of Hongkong residents who recalled, as the bugles sounded at 11 a.m., the hail of death that greeted them as they plunged ashore on April 25, 1915.

They are the men who have attended every Anzac Day observance in Hongkong, for they choose this day in which to pay homage, during the two minutes Silence, to those of their comrades who did not participate in the Evacuation.

Hongkong is proud to join with these Anzac and English veterans of Gallipoli in our midst in welcoming to this Colony the sturdy young men who, in joining the Royal Navy units on the China Station at the outbreak of war last September, were the vanguard of the expeditionary forces which both Australia and New Zealand have already sent overseas in response to the call of the Motherland.

Soldiers of Australia, soldiers of New Zealand are already in the Near East, ready to guard the vital lands and communications in what may yet well become the major battlefield of the war.

On the safe defence of the Middle and Near East against totalitarian attack may well depend the survival of the free Dominions, of Colonies such as Hongkong, as well as of the Motherland.

Nothing should make the peoples of this mighty Empire rejoice more than the quick decision of the Dominions to give not merely moral but practical help in the present mortal struggle.

If the spectacle of mass cruelty and oppression and lies in Nazified Europe appeals you, remember the free British nations that stand without. Remember Socialist New Zealand, which has turned unanimously from the building of a great social experiment to the grimmer job of defending the hard-won right of free-nations to exist at all.

When you remember that—and remember the heroic achievements of the Anzacs twenty-five years ago to-day—you will feel no doubt at all about the issue of the present war.

TO-DAY is the 25th ANNIVERSARY of the GALLIPOLI LANDING

The STORY of the ANZACS

TWENTY-FIVE years ago, a Tommy was sitting beside the Suez Canal, watching one great transport after another steam slowly by. Puzzled by the unusual uniforms of the troops, he sang out: "What are you?"

Across the water there rolled out the chorus ANZACS. The word had just been coined from the letters of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps, for the first mixed Corps from the Antipodes to enter a theatre of war this side of the globe.

In the last war the German raider Emden missed the convoy of Anzacs—which comprised 38 transports and 30,000 men—by only 52 miles as she and they steamed across the Indian Ocean with lights out. Then H.M.A.S. Sydney fought, smashed and beached the German.

The A.I.F. numbered roughly 20,000 Diggers (slang for gold-miners who dig gold from the ground but adopted to describe the Aussie soldier in general) in the first convoy. Then Australia had a population of only 4,750,000, yet by the end of the war she had sent armies overseas which totalled 329,093 men. The Commonwealth lost 59,342 dead and 169,819 Diggers were wounded. The war cost the Dominion £430,000,000.

The first contingent of Anzacs in the last war included 10,000 New Zealanders. Then their country contained only a million people, but 98,950 soldiers were sent to assist Britain. They lost 16,050 killed and at the Armistice there were 52,000 troops in the field with 10,000 waiting to join them or in training.

Anzacs served last time on battlefields which ranged from the bitter cold of the North Russian coast to the steamy jungles of the Pacific Islands.

But above all they covered themselves with glory in their baptism of fire. When they rushed the Turkish defences at Gallipoli on that bloody dawn of April 25, 1915, they established their prowess as assault troops. Australian war medals, Victoria Crosses, 1,756 Distinguished Conduct Medals, and 1,932 decorations by 12 foreign countries.

The first V.C. was Lance-Corporal Jacka. Defending Courtenay's Post on Gallipoli, his four mates were killed and the post was rushed by Turkish Jacka attacked with such vigour that he succeeded in shooting five of them and then he bayoneted the remaining two. Now Diggers are still proud to refer to themselves as "Jacka's Mob."

The record of the New Zealanders is as brilliant. Ten per cent of the male population served in khaki.

The early history of New Zealand troops is bound up with that of the Australians with whom they were brigaded. The occupation of Samoa was, however, an "all-New Zealand show," and the New Zealand division played its full part in the defence of the Suez Canal and the historic landing on Gallipoli.

As a separate unit in France, the N.Z. Division took part in all the bitter fighting after the 1917 Flanders offensive and earned the highest praise from General Birdwood.

Now the new set-up of the Second German War is, curious to say, Anzacs to meet the Turk again. Whether they will be fighting shoulder to shoulder is not for me to forecast at the moment, but I can say on behalf of every Anzac that they learnt to respect the Turk as a good, hard, clean fighter.

So there will be no embarrassment when ex-enemies meet; mutual respect having been established 25 years ago.

THE recent embarkation of the end A.I.F., in Australia, measured by the standard of boisterous farewells accorded the old A.I.F., was a tame affair. Any old Digger reading of the troopships sneaking away would do so with a feeling that the army has gone to the pack.

The old send-offs were very lively and everyone seemed to be in them. The wharves at Circular Quay were always so crowded that there was danger of people falling into the sea. The crowd spilled over onto roofs and hanging on the only unoccupied places. Even the police stationed there abandoned duties to join the fun, realising, quite properly, that there was nothing else for it. If the police still were in possession of their helmets after the last Digger ascended the gangway, the civil force was quite satisfied.

Everyone seemed to know everyone else and talked and shouted and made endearing farewells to each other as intimate friends do. The whole period of the send-offs lasted from parade dismissal on the day prior to embarkation, when late

leaves were granted, all troops through the night, and well into the next day. Instead, they lasted until the transport turned north at Bradley's Head, near the Hitler's entrance, for it was there that the speed of transports was so great for the numerous launches and ferries to keep abreast. So, in a sense we just left them, and the send-offs petered out.

But not all send-offs were quite so gay and joyous. The old nths was not. It was a mistake, of course, for someone had blundered. Queensland's crack artillery brigade had been transferred to Sydney. We had a triumphal entry and for our street march the city's tramway service was suspended and all other traffic deflected from the line of march.

Crowds blocked the streets surrounding Central Station, and all along the circuitous route to Marickville. Here we occupied the famous Addison Road Barracks. We were the first troops to billet in the new brick buildings.

Nothing could have been finer. For 90 days we lived in Sydney and made many friends. For 90 nights, no 89 nights, we made wages, for the 90th night was a mournful fiasco.

THE 90th night in Sydney was our last before embarking for Egypt, and by any estimation should have been our best.

Our last parade took the usual form. We were addressed by the church, medical profession, and high military command. A most earnest person exhorted us not to forget our prayers. A medical man warned us that we were going to a tropical country where customs would be strange. He implored us to be discreet in all things, and never fall to bolt water before drinking it. The military man, zealous in honour, did not say much. But we understood that we were to play the game. He quoted "King's Rules and Regs" until we quaked.

We shook hands with several governors—from prisons as well as States—were introduced collectively to our medical officer, and numerous staff joinings, and all members of the unit confined to barracks for petty indiscretions were granted freedom. This last, we understood the high command to say, was something new in the annals of His Majesty's Forces.

It was usual for embarking troops to have a temporary freedom of the city. On the morning of our last parade in Australia we smartly turned right, saluted, cheered uproariously and bolted to dress. Within half an hour the



barracks was deserted and the troops were ranging far and wide over Sydney. All had dates to keep and places to go.

Here was where someone blundered. A last-minute discovery was that the nth brigade had not had a dental inspection before embarkation. The difficulty arose as to how the scattered troops were to be rounded up and brought back to barracks. It was, indeed, a problem in pre-warless days.

THE police—military and civil—were enlisted to round up N.C.O.'s, gunners, drivers, and signallers, and escort them to barracks. Trams were commandeered as conveyances, and wildly protesting troops almost dumped them into the harbour. By midnight the painful affair was in full swing, although many troops remained to be mustered. Rumour was at work and some of the men, playing safe, evaded capture.

Resident dentists were called out, and the picture houses were scored for dentists to make examinations and extractions. With dozens of embarking coppers I was marshalled into line by ferocious N.C.O.'s, who spat blood, and ticked off our names as we entered the improvised dental room. A double guard was mounted at the entrance. Later one was posted at the exit for the troops soon discovered, amid such confusion, a means of passing through the room without examination.

Within, several dentists were hard at work. With a curiosity engendered by fear men examined each other's teeth and ineptly assessed the pain to be endured by the extraction of several molars. "Come on, boy. Sit down open your mouth. Ah, yes." And for the dentist did their bit.

"Right O, you're next. What,

coke? Why, they're falling out, man. Hold your head up. Ah, there you are. Only three. Good man. Run along, son."

Each dentist had an enamelled dish tin in which he dropped extracted teeth. They were in varying stages of fullness and numerous, molars and incisors were scattered around. Great blobs of blood mixed with them created a crazy floor pattern in the dazzling electric light.

"What? No, just a couple. Soon be over. You don't? But it's costing you nothing. Stop biting. Hurry up, get out."

There was a trail of blood down the exit steps, across the parade ground, and into the barracks. The men growled, the urgent swore, but all spat blood, swabbed their mouths, and nursed their torn jaws.

THE march to the troopship was very quiet and the brigade may have been sneaking up to the line to engage in a night action. All were very dejected. We were abroad. When it was over, we glumly lined the ship's rails. The crowd cheered, threw coloured paper streamers to us, and shouted, "ARE WE DOWN-HEARTED?" There was no answer. It was pitiable to see hundreds of troops holding the gay, shimmering streamers without enthusiasm. "Their" swollen jaws prohibited the usual long-drawn answering "Coo-ees" so characteristic of farewells.

As if sharing the mood of the troops which filled her, the transport slowly and sullenly drew from the crowded wharf, in what must have been one of the quietest send-offs from Australia.

Ex-Dig

The SHIPS that SWEEP the SEA

By CAPTAIN FRANK H. SHAW

IF trawlers are the Navy's general servants in time of war, drifters are the hives of the odd-job craft. Smaller and even handier than the deep-sea fishing boats, they come in useful when something new and vicious, such as the new enemy mines, demands attention.

You can rely on them, too—they and their hardy crews have been mired through generations of tough, hard-fighting lives—to lick spots off the sea even when it is trying its worst to do them down.

The North Sea, their home and stamping-ground, is notoriously the most savage stretch of water used by man. It can breed the biggest sort of storm; it abounds in reefs, ice-shores, and ugly sandbanks; it specialises in fog and "muck" with twisty tides and unforeseeable currents; it provides a harvest of herding offering a reward so transient that it must be gleaned quickly despite the weather.

It is this having to go for the herding, coming what may—hell or high water, making the drifter men the sea-dogs they are—capable of biting to the bone and hanging on like grim death.

A Cape Horn Night

Just before war was declared I was out in a drifter when herring were running big on the Dogger. The night on which the drifter set forth was placid, moonlight, and serene. "I'd like to see some weather!" I told my friendly skipper. "If you can find it."

"We'll find it," he said with grim cheerfulness. And we did. Sixty miles out, leaving calm for the raging fury of what might have been a Cape Horn night.

We were "washed down" from stem to stern; we cork-screwed, tied knots in our tails; the engines raced as if determined to twist off the screw. But we shot the driftnets and made a good haul despite the weather.

That same drifter is now under Admiralty orders, and I shall be sorry for the mines, magnetic or not, that come its way.

Used to handling incredible lengths of net, these drifters are ideal for sweeping the menacing seas. It is nothing to them to shoot a couple of miles of surface net and drift slowly and snugly to leeward to the slight push of their hoisted mizzen throughout a whole night, with white water swilling their decks for a proper "old Neptune's washdown."

Catching the Mines

Hitler's secret weapon? The drifters are its counter—a pretty safe shield against wanton murder. Shallow-drafted as they are they can pass over most of the explosive horrors; but the dipped nets will snare the mines. If the taunted nets explode the mines—what of it? Better a lacerated net than a sunken ship—as likely as not holding innocent women and children!

Enemy craft are attempting to check the drifters' activities; but they will fail because there is no power-out of Heaven that can deter a North Sea drifterman when he is set on a job.

A torpedo will pass under the drifters' keels. They are small targets for gunfire. Enemy aircraft have made poor bombing practice at

much bigger ships; they won't find lurching, tiny drifters good targets for their righteousness. And if the Admiralty sees fit to arm them with, say, a high-angled pom-pom, the fisherfolk, who are not in the least afraid of death, will fight their tiny ships to the last.

Indeed, after fighting endless rounds with the choking death of the peace-time sea, the other sort of finish—swift and unexpected—may seem to hard-bitten men something in the nature of a mercy.

During my recent trip, remembering my varied experiences with the breed in the last war, I asked my skipper, who had seen that show through from start to finish, what he would do in the event of war.

"Spitfire as many of the swine as I can," was his reply. "I've been thinking it out for twenty years." He elaborated. He knew the underwater geography of the North Sea rather better than that of its surface. He knew the gullies where deep water would permit the travel of submarines, and he had them all charted—in his mind. He knew the criss-cross currents, the scour of a tide in a south-westerly wind.

"They'll try to follow them tracks," he declared. "We have 'em taped—all of 'em."

And the up-to-date result of our anti-submarine campaign seems to bear out his boast. German submarines cannot possibly win against that traditional seamen and fearlessness.

Like Fish

"They behave much like fish," said my skipper. "Well, we reckon to think like fish ourselves." And he winked emphatically.

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PRESS COMMENT

May Have To Transfer War To Sweden

Allies' Prospects In Norway

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—The Göteborg "Morgon Post" says: "The arrival of the English has greatly strengthened morale. If the Norwegians can resist for a short time, increasing English forces could destroy the isolated Germans at Trondheim." "We have been cut off by the German occupation of Norway and Denmark. If the English can win in Norway, the barrier falls, but we must be prepared to transfer the war to Sweden."

Hitlerism Is Bolshevism

The New York "World Telegram" says: "The obvious truth is that Hitlerism is Bolshevism—a revolution against capitalism, against the possessions and against the very life of all nations which, like this one, prefer democracy and freedom. The British and French are fighting for the same things that Americans would fight for."

The "Minneapolis Journal" says: "After the World War, Norway, Sweden and Denmark came to the rescue by taking thousands of German children in their homes, feeding them bountifully and lodging them. Some months before war broke out in 1939, the Hitler Government sponsored large-scale parties of young men who had spent part of their childhood in 1919 and 1920 in Scandinavian countries, on visits to their former hosts to renew the ties with them and also to brush up the language."

"This diabolical plot was not suspected by the trusting Scandinavians." The Brussels paper, "Gazette de Charleroi," remarks on the change of tone in the Italian Press and says: "This return to a more healthy conception of Scandinavian events can be attributed in part to the real and effective Allied reply. The hour will soon strike when Italy must choose."

Awards For Gallantry

Five Naval Officers Decorated

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—A number of awards for gallantry at sea have been announced in the "London Gazette."

They include a D.S.O. for Lieut. Commander Hugh Percival Price and a Distinguished Service Cross for Sub-Lieutenant Edward Perry Rea, both of H.M.S. Glenar, for destroying an enemy submarine. An O.B.E. has been conferred upon Lieut. Commander Michael Southcott Townsend and an M.B.E. has been conferred on Acting Sub-Lieutenant Vernon Johnson St. Clair Ford, both of H.M.S. Viscount, for saving many lives at sea on the occasion of the enemy bombing the steamer Domala. The D.S.O. has been awarded to Lieut. Commander Roy Berryman Edwards of H.M.S. Walrus, for courage and skill in securing and stripping live enemy mines regardless of his own safety.

EIGHT MILLION MILES FLOWN

pilots have flown an equivalent of at least once round the world since the war began. Each week 4,000 ships have been guarded by planes of the Coastal Command. To date no British or naval ship has been lost while under air convoy.

Take 20,000 Photographs
No less than 600 tons of fishing fleets have been made to protect them against enemy planes and U-boats. Over 20,000 photographs and reports of ships believed to be German masquerading as neutrals have been made. Eighty attacks have been made against the U-boats and literally hundreds of mines have been located and destroyed. The record, incidentally, is getting better every day.

Spain To Maintain Neutrality

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—"The British Government is convinced that Spain is determined to maintain her neutrality and the neutrality of her possessions," declared Mr. R. A. Butler in the House of Commons to-day. This remark was made in answer to a debate on the Anglo-Spanish trade agreement.

EMPIRE HAS 2,000,000 MEN UNDER ARMS

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—It is authoritatively learned that the British Empire now has 2,000,000 men under arms exclusive of the Royal Navy, Marines, the Mercantile Marine, Air Force, the Police and civil defence services, all civil transport personnel organisations, workers in war industry and all other public services. The armies in France and the Middle East are being steadily augmented.

The average age of the British soldier is now 26. A large number of volunteers from older age groups are still being accepted for the Army and for every three men so far called up two such volunteers have been enlisted.

China's Role In Future

To Assume Leadership In Far East

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—Mr. Quo Tai-chi, the Chinese Ambassador in London, speaking at the British Association for International Understanding, said that leadership in the Far East will inevitably fall to China by reason of her vast area and population, and even more, by reason of her culture and genius for development in modes of peace.

No Facile Optimism

"I can entertain no facile optimism as regards the redemption of the Japanese people within a practicable measure of time from the domination of the military caste with their programme of hegemony in East Asia and mastery over the Western Pacific areas," said Mr. Quo. He added that China had an important part to play in Anglo-American relations because the strategic and commercial interests of Britain and the United States were parallel in the Far East.

ATTACKS BY R.A.F.

Raids On Norway, Sylt And Aalborg

LONDON, Apr. 24. The R.A.F. last night made six raids on Norway, Aalborg, and Sylt. Full reports have not yet been received, but from short Air Ministry reports the raids were highly successful.

The raid over Sylt resulted in the destruction of hangars and a big explosion from the island was heard. To the north of the island a German patrol was noticed and heavy fire was directed against it by R.A.F. aircraft.

Two patrol boats were sunk. The R.A.F. also heavily bombed Oslo aerodrome. Heavy anti-aircraft fire was encountered, but the R.A.F. machines completed their work without any loss.—Reuter Bulletin.

Value Of R.A.F.

LONDON, Apr. 24. The R.A.F. raids covered an objective of nearly a 600-mile front and demonstrated the capacity of the R.A.F. to strike simultaneously in multiple directions.

The previous biggest raid was on the night of April 20 and 21 when the R.A.F. raided Stavanger, Kristiansund and Aalborg. Prior to the invasion of Denmark and Norway, the R.A.F. raided Sylt for six hours on the night of March 19 and 20.—United Press.

Oslo Raid A Failure

Berlin, Apr. 24. A communiqué declares that the British attempt to attack the neighbourhood of Oslo aerodrome was unsuccessful. It says a German aircraft again bombed British troops as they were landing and railways leading to the interior. The claim is made that hits were registered on two destroyers, two transports and a troop train which, it is said, was burned out. It is also claimed that a British plane was brought down over Sylt last night. The communiqué declares that the German forces advancing north and north-west of Oslo in co-operation with tanks and planes have broken resistance everywhere and are progressing rapidly.—Reuter.

DANES ARE NOT ENEMY ALIENS

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—Capt. O. Penke, Under-Secretary of State for Home Affairs, said to-day that it was not proposed to treat Danes resident in Britain as enemy aliens.

Many of them were anxious to assist Britain in the struggle against aggressive tyranny, of which Denmark has been made a victim.

92 SHIPS IN THE CONTROL BASES

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—On Tuesday 92 ships were in British contraband control bases in the United Kingdom.

Of these, 37 had been brought or detained by order of the Ministry of Economic Warfare. This was done in view of the situation in Norway and Denmark. The total includes nine Danish ships.

GREENLAND'S POSITION

LONDON, Apr. 24. Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, stated in the House of Commons to-day that the position of Greenland which had been affected by the occupation of Denmark was receiving consideration by the Government in the United Kingdom and Canada.—Reuter.

Who's Taking Pleasures Sadly Now?

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—The Berlin Radio has announced that pleasure trips must be completely stopped and that journeys to watering places and spas are only permissible in cases of extreme urgency owing to the "tremendous task of the German railways."

NEW R.A.F. RAID ON SYLT: NAZI BASES DESTROYED

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aerodrome were bombed just before dawn. A number of them are believed to have been destroyed and damaged.

R.A.F. planes which raided Christiansund concentrated their attention on the runways of the aerodrome and airport buildings, registering many effective hits.

Transports Bombed

Another raid was also carried out on the Oslo airport at Fornebu. One of the British planes failed to reach its objective.

Just before reaching Oslo the plane sighted two German transports steaming northwards near the mouth of Oslo Fjord. The plane dropped 10 bombs from an altitude of 2,000 feet and then machine-gunned the decks of the two ships from an altitude of 150 feet.

The remaining machines of the squadrons increased the damage to the Fornebu aerodrome.

In the raids on Denmark, numerous hits were scored on the Aalborg aerodrome, despite heavy anti-aircraft fire.

Only two British machines failed to return during the day.

Continuous Bombardment

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—It is learned that the Westernland aerodrome at Sylt was subjected to an almost continuous bombardment last night.

The bombardment lasted for 100 minutes. This was the first raid made on this aerodrome.

During a raid on Stavanger aerodrome shortly before dawn about 20 enemy aircraft were heavily bombed and a number are believed to have been destroyed or badly damaged.

High explosive bombs played havoc with the already crater-pitted aerodrome surface.

One raid made a dive bombing attack at low level released a heavy salvo which was seen to burst near the side of the main runway.

A strongly burning fire was reported by one of the returning raiders.

Raiders on Christiansund concentrated on the runways and aerodrome buildings and evaded a barrage put up by ground defences. They registered many hits.

Of the large force of aircraft employed on last night's widespread operations two failed to return.

Fornebu aerodrome was also heavily bombed. One aircraft which was detailed to attack Fornebu did not reach its objective as it sighted two enemy ships steaming north near the head of Oslo Fjord. It dropped two salvos of bombs which burst close to the leading vessel and then descended to within 150 feet of the water and machine-gunned the leading ship as it made for the shore.

Full Moon Aids

The fourth successive attack on Aalborg was made in perfect weather. There was a cloudless sky and a full moon.

For the first time no enemy aircraft was seen on the aerodrome, but powerful ground defences were alert and the raiders were met by a barrage of fire over the target area and the persistent attentions of a ring of searchlights just outside the aerodrome.

High level bombing attacks were made and many hits were observed on the aerodrome.

The raid on Westernland aerodrome at Sylt was carried out by a large force of long range bombers. One hangar was hit several times and another is believed to be badly damaged. The runways were successfully bombed and fires started on the aerodrome.

The first bomber met only a moderate fire but as the attack developed pom-pom placed round the aerodrome maintained a steady barrage of fire.

Three Killed In Durham Explosion

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—Three men were killed, 10 injured and many others slightly hurt as the result of an explosion at the Imperial Chemicals Works at Billingham, on the River Tyne, Durham.

An official statement by the firm says that damage to buildings and machinery was slight and that serious interference with production is not anticipated.

DUTCH TREASURE SHIP

Boston, Apr. 24. Members of the crew of the Dutch motor ship Peolau Tello say Java is building three 20,000-ton warships. The vessel's cargo was mostly gold. She had \$4,000,000 worth of gold, the destination being unknown.—United Press.

Shooting Of Civilians

German Methods In Norway

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, was questioned regarding reports of Germans shooting civilians in Norway.

Mr. Butler replied that it appeared from official German broadcasts of April 12 and 13, that the German High Command at Oslo had declared that any persons found fighting the German forces would be treated as franc-tireurs and would be shot. Some persons were already shot on this ground.

Shot On The Spot

They also declared that every civilian carrying arms or committing acts of sabotage would be shot on the spot. They had in addition admitted having forced Norwegian civilians to drive German soldiers into the firing line in commandeered cars.

Comment on such methods of war was superfluous, said Mr. Butler, but he was glad of the opportunity to make the fact known.

British anti-aircraft defences, which are gradually being reinforced, have taken toll of some planes while others have been forced down by the severe weather.

Photographing The War

Official Camera Men In Action

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—It was announced in the House of Commons yesterday that we have now more photographs showing the work of the Royal Navy.

It was also announced that arrangements have been made for a number of newspaper cameramen to be attached to units of the fleet.

Already a large number of naval photographs have been taken by some of the cameramen. Some of these photographs have recently appeared in the press.

News Photographer In Norway

It was also stated that an officer with Fleet Street experience as a photographer has been specially brought back from France and is now in Norway.

Civilian photographers will follow him later. Four official photographers have been in France since last October. Another unit will be stationed in the Middle East within the next fortnight.

CHAMBERLAIN'S ASSURANCE

Will Go To Aid Of All Attacked Neutrals

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Neville Chamberlain was asked if he would give an assurance that, in the event of further aggression against neutral European states, the overseas possessions of such states would not be permitted to be used as bases for enemy action.

Mr. Chamberlain replied: "In the hypothetical circumstances referred to such action would be taken as the interests of Allied security required."

STOCK EXCHANGE REMAINS FIRM

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, glittered securities and knifed were strong owing to the market's view that they will stand to benefit from the Budget.

Industrials were hesitant owing to difficulties of re-adjusting values following the limitation of dividends together with the prohibition of scrip bonus issues during war-time.

The P. and O. are maintaining an interim dividend of two per cent. on deferred stock.

Wall Street was narrowly irregular.

FOOD SHORTAGE IN NORWAY

OSLO, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—The radio here, which is controlled by the Germans, says that there is a shortage of potatoes and eggs in German occupied areas.

Cabbages and fodder are also very scarce.

Oslo is suffering from a serious shortage of wood which was the chief material used for heating.

The radio announcer appealed to all farmers to bring in more supplies to the towns.

Debating Position Of Greenland

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—The position of Greenland since the occupation of Denmark is still being considered by the United Kingdom and Canada.

This was announced in the House of Commons yesterday by Mr. R. A. Butler Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

BESIEGED GERMAN FORCE SURRENDERS

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themselves say that the engagement lasted for two hours.

Operations in this sector seem to be along the road and railway from Narvik where the Allied troops have landed.

Yesterday the Nazis claimed to have captured Steinkjaer but the Allies have once or twice been reported below this town.

Seek Control Of Road

Frontier reports say that fighting for control of the road is still in progress.

The Germans are trying to strike north through two valleys running parallel from the Oslo plains.

A third valley, Gudbrandsdal, seems to be completely in Allied hands within a few miles of Hamar.

Here the Allies are reported to be holding a steady stream of reinforcement advance guards who came to the assistance of the Norwegians at Lillehammer.

Nazis Making Progress

Further west through another valley the German troops are trying to reach a beleaguered garrison at Trondheim.

The Nazis seem to be making some progress. The Norwegians are resisting stoutly.

It is expected that the Allied troops moving across the country will attack the German troops.

The Germans may still find themselves cut off from Trondheim by the Allied troops advancing from Støren, which is immediately south of the besieged port.

German Counter Attack

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—A War Office communiqué says that in the Trondheim area the counter-attack referred to in yesterday's communiqué was delivered by a considerable number of German troops landed from ships within Trondheim Fjord.

After some sharp fighting, our troops succeeded in re-establishing the situation.

There is nothing further to report about operations elsewhere.

Norwegians Hold Ridge

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—A correspondent of the "Afton Bladet" at Trondheim, north east of Oslo, says that the Norwegians are holding a ridge near the Swedish frontier.

Their resistance surprised the Germans, who expected slight resistance. One energetic volunteer officer inspired the men.

The correspondent says that 200 Germans have been killed in this sector since yesterday.

Nazis Advancing

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—Latest newspaper reports state that the German centre to the north of Oslo has reached the neighbourhood of Koppang, 50 miles to the north of Elverum.

The Allies are rushing troops to meet this advance.

Nazis Take Stenker

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—According to reports received here this afternoon, Stenker is now in German hands, but the Allies hold strong positions six miles north of the town, against which a German offensive is expected.

German planes and German destroyers in Trondheim Fjord made important contributions to the fighting round Stenker. All railway stations north of Stenker were repeatedly attacked from the air, but bridges and tracks are intact as they are situated among steep precipices, making them difficult targets for the German airmen.

Civilians Flee

The civilian population of Stenker have fled to the mountains, where they are reported to be suffering from insufficient clothing and food. The important railway junction of Støren, south of Arondhem, is controlled by the Allies, and both railways south from Trondheim to Oslo, as well as the line from Fagernes to Oslo, are now in Allied hands.

German airmen are continually bombing Oslerdal and Gudbrandsdal. Bombas is reported to be ablaze and parachute troops have been observed north-east of the town.

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THE END OF THE SEASON

"Pilgrim's" Final Contribution

To-day's Notes will be "Pilgrim's" final contribution until the commencement of the next season.

NEW DERBY CALL-OVER

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuters).—The following is the latest call-over for the new Derby:

4/1 Derby

5/1 Lighthouse II

10/1 All others.

REVISION OF SHORT CORNER RULE

THE UMPIRES' ASSOCIATION will hold their last meeting of the season next Friday, the 27th, at 5.30 p.m. in St. Andrew's Church Hall.

At their last meeting, the Umpires' Association recommended to the H.K.H.A. that the new revised Short Corner Rule is to come into force at the beginning of next season in all friendly fixtures. Services included, and umpires to keep a record of goals scored.

What is the purpose of the short corner? As I see it, this penalty is given to enable the attackers to obtain a reasonable chance of getting a goal which they were prevented from getting by an infringement of the Rules by a defender in the circle.

What chance have the attackers of getting a goal from a short corner? Taking average Club hockey, i.e., senior and junior eleven, I suppose one would estimate that goals are scored in not more than 20 to 25 per cent. of short corners taken, or even much less than that.

Is this percentage sufficient? I am told by soccer enthusiasts, that infringements under similar conditions in soccer results in a goal being scored in 90 per cent. of the infringements, and by rugby enthusiasts that an infringement under similar conditions results in a goal being scored in 50 per cent. of the infringements.

CONSIDERATION DESERVED

ALTHOUGH the hockey administrators may have no wish to be influenced by these points, there is no doubt that the facts deserve some consideration, especially now that the abolition of hooking sticks and foot-play have rendered infringements more frequent, particularly in foot-play.

I have heard it said that backs do occasionally obstruct with the foot, to save what would have been a certain goal, and so risk a short corner which they know is very likely to be unconverted. This, in the latter case, would now be a penalty bully.

It remains to be seen how effective the revised short corner rule will be next season. Much has been said and written about the existing short corner rule and its failure to meet the modern requirements of the game. I am still of the opinion that a really practical solution would be

Final Competition On Sunday

C.B.A.'s Excellent Tournament Record

THE SIX-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT next Sunday will bring the men's hockey season to a conclusion. The women ended a successful season last week, the champion teams being Caor Clark Cup champions—the "Y" Ladies; runners-up—the St. Andrew's Ladies; Brawn Cup Champions—Argonauta Ladies; runners-up—Diocesan Girls' School.

The Hongkong Hockey Association Tournament also ended last week, with the Radio Sports Club, champions for the second year in succession. Viewing the tournament table, one realises how close the games have been with regard to points. Four teams, Radio, C.B.A., R.E. and Police have been in close running for the championship honours, and after the final encounter only two points separated the winners from the runners-up, and one point separated the runners-up and teams occupying third and fourth places.

Thanks to the good work of the Secretary of the Umpires Association and the umpires, everything was run smoothly in spite of postponements in the preliminary stages of the tournament. Several close duels were fought, between the first five teams, and the standard of play has been of a very high order.

BIGGEST SURPRISE

PERHAPS the biggest surprise of the season was the defeat of the C.B.A. in the final. C.B.A. reached the final with an undefeated record, scoring 34 goals and having only eight against them. A fine achievement which speaks well for their sharpshooters, the Fowler brothers—Syd, George and Ernie—and the capable goalkeeping of Terry Lockhart, their brilliant young custodian. Radio Sports Club, the champions, suffered only one defeat, and that was at the hands of the youthful Nomads XI. The Radomans are experienced tournament players, and boast of at least five ex-interceptors in their team. The outstanding players have been U. B. Souza, in goal, the veteran Gusta Singh, at right-back, M. H. Hassan, at centre-half, and G. Singh and J. M. Pinto in the attack.

It was a good final, and due probably to a hard and fast pitch which was in their advantage, the Radio emerged winners by 2-1. The wooden-spoonists, as one will also notice from the tournament table, are the R.A.O.C. The Corps started well, but as most of their star players were ordered home early in the season, it was unfortunate that their places could not be filled by players as good. Eventually, several walk-overs had to be given by the team as they found it impossible to run a side owing to shortage of men.

found in retaining the present short corner, but with some amendments. A complete cure would be a penalty bully to be taken for all infringements by the defenders in the circle, instead of a short corner.

POLICE FORTUNATE TO DRAW WITH MACAO

Portuguese Forwards Fail Within Circle

THE HONGKONG POLICE accomplished a good performance last Sunday at Macao by holding the home team to a 1-1 draw. In the first half, the very bumpy state of the ground seemed to upset the Police defence, whilst the home team never relaxed, and were quick to realise the futility of accurate and long passing on a difficult pitch.

By keeping the ball close, making ground, and drawing their men, they took the lead through F. Nolasco after nine minutes' play. Balwant Singh made a partial clearance, but Nolasco ran in to score off the rebound.

In this half, the home team took the lead mainly due to their superior forward play and combination. Police front line rather delayed their passes, and played into the hands of the Macao defence, which was very sound.

After forcing at least eight short corners, however, the Portuguese could make no further headway against a stout police resistance.

POLICE IMPROVE

AFTER the change of ends, the game was more even. The Police defence was more settled, and their forwards took advantage of the many good openings made by their halves—Leslie, Mehar Singh and Brown, who showed considerable improvement.

Giving as much as they received, the visitors equalised ten minutes before the end through Jasbir Singh. The Police centre-forward, in a fine solo effort, broke through, and after he had enticed Almada out of goal, found the net with ease.

The Police were best served by their defence, with Balwant Singh, in goal, playing a good game throughout. In the attack, Fula Singh, on the right wing, was outstanding, with Wall and Narwant Singh rendering good work on the left flank. Parker, playing in his first game at inside-right, was slow and gave Jasbir Singh, his leader, very little support.

FINE UNDERSTANDING

THE feature of the game was the complete understanding shown in Macao's team-work. Rosario was excellent as full-back, and A. Alroch, at centre-half, was prominent in prompting a fast moving forward line with excellent passes to both wings—at the same time holding the Police inside trio. The moving of F.

Six-a-side Tourney Rules To Remain

THE SIX-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT will take place at King's Park next Sunday, commencing at 2 p.m. sharp.

At the last Council meeting, it was decided that the Six-a-side Rules were to remain as they are, and Umpires are reminded that Rule 5 (c) remains unaltered, and reads:

"The result shall be decided by the position of the ball at the full time whistle, the team in whose half of the field the ball is situated being the losers."

There are at present about 30 team entries, and Club Secretaries are reminded that entries close today—post entries will not be accepted.

Enthusiasts wishing to enjoy a good afternoon of keen sport should not hesitate in finding their way to King's Park this coming Sunday.

Nolasco to inside-right added speed to the front line.

There was little doubt that Macao were the better team. A draw did not represent the difference between the sides, since, had the home forwards finished off their excellent approach work by more incisive tactics in the circle, they would have registered more goals.

—The game was fast, and, at times, ragged.

Tournament Table

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
Radio S.C.	9	8	1	0	25	12	16
C.B.A.	9	6	1	2	34	8	14
R. Engineers	9	5	1	3	24	14	13
Police	9	5	2	2	12	8	12
Recreo	9	4	3	2	7	11	10
Nomads	9	4	4	1	15	10	9
Royal Signals	7	1	5	1	5	20	3
K.I.T.C.	7	1	5	1	3	14	3
University	7	1	0	0	2	2	2
R.A.O.C.	5	0	5	0	1	0	0

International Tournament Cancelled

DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES, the International Tournament has been cancelled this season, and the winners v. Rest match has also been abandoned.

The Association Tournament has come to stay, and I shall not be surprised to see a larger entry of Clubs next season.

TOURNAMENT TENNIS

SINGLES SEMI-FINAL ABANDONED IN BAD LIGHT

(By "Tinker")

AT A STAGE when it was quite on the cards that Tsui Wai-pui, present Open Singles champion, might have been defeated by his younger brother, Tsui Yun-pui, their Singles semi-final at the Hongkong Cricket Club yesterday was abandoned owing to bad light with each player having won two sets and four games.

The complete scores were (Tsui Wai-pui first) 2-6, 6-4, 7-5, 3-6, 4-4.

There was no question of the fairness of the decision to abandon the match at that stage, for it would not have been fair to either player to have continued in such a deceptive light.

The excitement of the last set reached its peak when Tsui Yun-pui climbed into a 4-2 lead, but on a surprising number of errors dropped not only the seventh game, but also the eighth which was on his own service, which hitherto had scarcely failed him. To many of the spectators, it was something of an anti-climax.

The whole match, however, had been conspicuous for its lack of vitality (the American word "punch" explains it better). When least expected, some of the feeblest of strokes were made. There was little wrong with the strokes-production, little with the tactics or with the accuracy. Yet the applause was far from being as hearty as one would have expected from such a match as yesterday's.

ON THE DEFENSIVE

TO Tsui Yun-pui, however, must go the credit of having, for the first time in the Hongkong Tournament, made his brother play on the defensive. Throughout the match, Tsui

Yun-pui had been showing a repentant lack of accuracy in his deep drives and placings, and in the fifth set, Tsui Wai-pui contented himself with sending the ball back over the net, waiting for his brother to make those errors which he did. There was only a slight margin of error—but it was a failure.

In startling comparison to his brother's service was Tsui Wai-pui's. He gave away the second game of the first set on four double faults! The younger Tsui, on the other hand, had been sending over perfect "aces", and because of this his failure in the eighth game of the fifth set was the more disappointing.

SUPERIOR CONTROL

It must be conceded to the elder Tsui that many of his brother's mistakes were forced by superior control and placing—especially in the second and third sets.

Tsui Yun-pui commenced serving, and games reached 2-all, when he took the next four in a row. In the final game, on his brother's service, though being led 40-15 he was able to win the game and set.

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STERNER STRUGGLE

THE third set was a sterner struggle. Tsui Wai-pui led 4-2 and then 5-3, before Tsui Yun-pui stormed his way to 6-all, and then on his own service gave his brother a 6-5 lead which was increased to 7-5 for the set.

The fourth set saw the champion leading 2-0 before Tsui Yun-pui claimed his first game, but thereafter the latter lost but on further game in his climb to 6-3.

The final set was the most tense. Both players soon reverted to the defensive, and though their shots lacked none of their former sting, there was a noticeably greater care being taken over them. Deuce was called three times before Tsui Yun-pui won the sixth game to lead 4-2. The light had already begun to fail, and when his brother took both the next games, it was only fair to abandon the match.

To-day's Programme

The other semi-final which was abandoned last Thursday, when each of the Runjahn cousins, S.A. and H.D. had won two sets, will be played to-day.

Girl Basketball Tourists Defeated For First Time

THE CHUNG HWA Girls' Basketball team, touring team from the Philippines, met with their first defeat of the series of charity matches played here for the Chinese Wounded and Refugee funds, at the hands of the Hongkong Stars at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. yesterday, when they were beaten 27 points to 23.

The visitors opened the scoring through Cary Ong, and looked as if they would repeat their former performances. This early reverse far from daunting the Hongkong players, only served to settle them and they replied with three goals. Hongkong's guards kept a close watch over Alice Chen, but she nevertheless scored a further three goals for her side.

Chai Chai-chun was the best forward on view, and the most prolific scorer for the Hongkong side. She was indirectly responsible for the best part of the Hongkong score, and combined well with Lee Shun-yeo to enable that player to secure 8 points (4 goals) besides scoring 14 points (7 goals) herself.

Alice Chen, captain of the visitors, who has shown such remarkable ability to score from foul shots, appeared unsettled by adverse decisions, and was only able to secure five points from a large number of foul shots. She was seen to better advantage at scoring goals, netting a total of eight.

Miss Josefa Go was a tower of strength at guard and to her goes the credit for saving the side from a bigger defeat.

HONGKONG LEAD

BOTH TEAMS tied in the first half, sharing 20 points. In the second quarter Hongkong sprang into the lead after some excellent work by Chai Chai-chun. Towards the end of the quarter Ng Shiu-sum replaced Chan Chai-chun. Chan to enable that player to gain a breather. Hongkong led 17 to 12.

In the third quarter both teams played cautiously. Alice Chen missed several foul shots. The score at the end of the third quarter being 21 to 16, Hongkong still leading.

TEAM CHANGES

HELEN WONG was changed for Victoria Tan in the third quarter, while Hongkong replaced Ngau Sau-yung for Chan Wai-hing. In the last few minutes of the game, excitement reached fever pitch. Both sides were straining, Manila to force a draw, Hongkong to clinch matters. When Lee Shun-yeo scored a goal in the last minute the crowd gave vent to a deafening burst of cheering for both teams on a splendid performance.

HONGKONG

	No. of Fouls	Goals	Foul Goals
Lee Shun-yeo	1	7	1
Chai Chai-chun	1	2	1
Chan Wai-hing	2	1	1
Ng Shiu-sum	3	1	1
Ngau Sau-yung	1	1	1
Chan Wai-hing	1	1	1
Lee Shun-yeo	1	1	1
Suen Yuk-meen	1	1	1
Total points			27

MANILA

	No. of Fouls	Goals	Foul Goals
Alice Chen	1	8	5
Victoria Tan	1	1	1
Heleen Chan	1	1	1
Josefa Go	1	1	1
Billy Wong	3	1	1
Kattie Chan	1	1	1
Total points			23

South China Beaten In Opening Game

THE South China Basketball team, last year's league champions, met the Sing Tao squad, runners-up, in a curtain raiser for the girls' match, and were severely trounced by 35 points to 21.

Dino and Lee Shiu-ming, coaches for the tourists' team, were seen in action for Sing Tao.

The winners were a better balanced side. They displayed excellent com-

Acceptors For The 2,000 Guineas

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuters).—The following are the final acceptors for the new 2,000 Guineas which will be run at Newmarket on May 11. Through The Mist, Black Tonic, Djebel, Saguenay, Lighthouse II, Bon Accord, Bald Arrow, Prince Tetra, El Morocco, Epilobium, Stardust, Turkian, Tant Mieux, Lucullus, Romulus, Fair Test, The Druid, Hippus, Nilt de Noce, Congratulations, Adiss, Rudey, Bladen.

SOUTH CHINA "B" DEFEAT "A" BY 3-1

By "Rex"

South China "A" and "B" met in a First Division league match at Caroline Hill yesterday, the junior team winning by three goals to one. South China "A" was unable to field their full side; South China "B" also could not field a team with the result that the game amounted to almost a farce.

Ip Pak-wah, "A" left winger, was seen at goal, while Cheung Moon-wing, another left winger, was seen in the "B" goal. Both gave excellent performances.

After much lackadaisical play, Lam Tak-po sent a nice pass to Hau Yung-sang, playing at right wing, for the latter to try with a hard drive which was helped into the net by Hau Fook-yuen.

ONE OF THE BEST

KWOK YING-KEE at centre-forward for "B" showed aptitude for that position, his dribbling and weaving amounting at times to brilliance.

The second half was a repetition of the first with only a few players making an effort to play football. Notable among the serious players were Lam Tak-po and Hau Yung-sang for the "B", and Lau Tau-man and Ip Pak-wah for the "A".

South China "B" increased their lead when Tam Woon-cheng could not help but score from Tan Ching-kheng's pass. A nice movement by Tang Shok-hung and Chan Yiu-shing saw the former put in the "A's" lone goal.

Lo Chin-tuen was top scorer for Sing Tao with 11 points (5 goals, 1 foul goal) to his credit, followed by Lai Tso-kit 6 points (3 goals).

For South China, Shok Chan-tut led with 7 points (3 goals, 1 foul goal) followed by Chan Ling 5 points (3 foul goals).

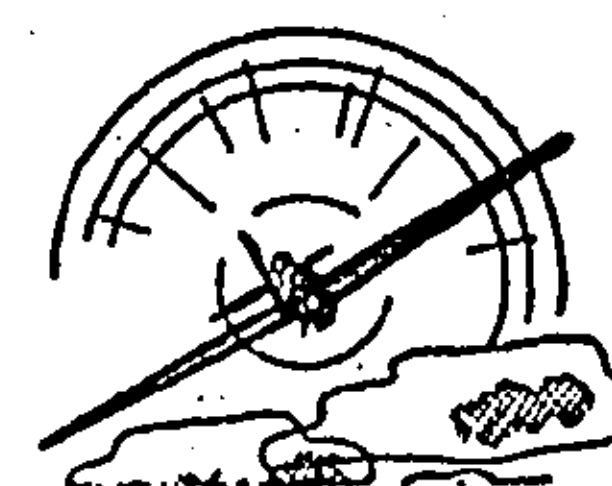
A furious pace was maintained throughout the game. Sing Tao quickly sprang into the lead which they never lost. They were the steeper team.

When the tide swung against them, South China began raising objections, and their behaviour was greeted by hisses and boos from the crowd.

Sing Tao led 24 points to 7 in the first half, when their forwards figured in some excellent shooting. In the second half, Sing Tao scored only 11 more points, and most of them from fouls.

South China's forwards displayed more combination in this half and managed 14 points, mainly due to the absence of Lee Shiu-ming, who was retired with four fouls.

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PATRICK WONG SECURES TRIPLE BADMINTON CROWN

Superb Exhibition In Strenuous Doubles

(By "Tinker")

PATRICK H. WONG, former Colony badminton champion, emulated the performance of P. K. Hui last year by gaining the triple open title last night at the Kowloon Cricket Club when he partnered Miss W. Cheung in the Mixed Doubles and beat Miss Ulian Khoo and K. L. Yong by 15-7, 15-7, and partnered in the men's doubles with C. Au beat H. F. Chew and K. L. Yong by 6-15, 15-8, 15-9.

On his exhibition of last night there was no doubt as to his right to wear the triple crown. His brilliant exhibition in the mixed doubles was capped by an equally brilliant performance in the men's doubles. In the latter match, after dropping the first game, it will be admitted, even by Au that Wong carried the day.

His energy was prodigious. Smashing repeatedly, he bounded about the court from side to side and secured at least seventy per cent of the points in the second and third games. In was in this latter match, too, that there occurred some of the most amazing rallies seen in the Open Tournament to date.

It did not need the words of the Rev. J. R. Higgs, President of the Association, during the presentation of the prizes which followed, to tell those present that the standard of the Colony's badminton was high enough to hold its own with any in the Far East.

MIXED DOUBLES

THE WEAK LINK in the losing mixed doubles pair was K. L. Yong. Miss Ulian Khoo played well, though there were several misunderstandings, but Yong was too frequently at fault with his clearing shots, which were of just that sufficient height to present Wong with smashing winners. The Wong-Miss Cheung partnership was almost ideal. The latter gave every assistance to her partner, and often relieved him of unnecessary work in the foreground. The winners led in the first set all the way. In the second game, however, it appeared that Yong and Miss Khoo were to even matters when they went into a 7-3 lead, but the superior combination of their opponents again

came to the fore, and winning five points in a row, the champions led at 8-7. From there they added the remaining seven points—winning, as can be seen, 12 points without dropping one.

STRENUOUS DOUBLES

THE MEN'S DOUBLES match was a most strenuous one, especially for Patrick Wong. Charlie Au was not quite up to form, and was therefore not quite able to shoulder the burden that he might conceivably have done to relieve his partner. H. F. Chew, on the other side of the net, made this impossible, for he was not only fresh, but the real danger of the opposition. Chew's smashing and short drops were the feature of the opening game. In this game the University pair were leading 2-2 before the eventual champions rallied to take the lead at 6-5. Soon after, both the Y.M.C.A. players were foot-faulted for moving before the shuttle had been struck in service. The umpire, Mr. J. L. Anderson, when asked, gave a definition of the rule, but the set-backs seemed to have had effect on the "Y" team. They dropped out of the picture for the remainder of the game.

"WONG'S GAME"

THE SECOND GAME was rightly called "Wong's game." He seemed to be everywhere almost at once. He covered the back court with amazing speed, and more often than not returned winners. Several of the rallies in this game brought forth such sustained applause that the game was momentarily impeded. The University pair led again at the opening of the third game. From 3-0 they went to 5-0, but their opponents drew up at 6-0, but dropped behind again at 7-0. Following the change over, there were noticeable signs that the "Y" pair had taken command.

They eventually went out at 15-9, winning one of the finest matches seen in the Badminton Tournaments. Mrs. J. R. Higgs presented the prizes at the conclusion of the matches, and was in turn presented with a bouquet of flowers from Mr. Ezra Abraham, Hon. Vice-President of the Kowloon Cricket Club.

Football

Scotland Beat The Army 4-1 At Edinburgh

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—In a representative match at Edinburgh to-day, Scotland beat the Army by 4-1. Results of matches played in the Regional Leagues were:

English

SOUTH "C"	
Arsenal	2 Tottenham
Chelsea	2 Millwall
Southampton	1 Portsmouth

SOUTH "D"

Reading	1 Southend
Blackpool	7 Rochdale

Scottish

WESTERN	
Ayr	2 Hamilton
Dumbarton	2 Rangers
Motherwell	1 Clyde
Partick	5 Kilmarnock
Third Lanark	1 Queen's O.S.

EASTERN

Aberdeen	3 Dundee U.
King's Park	5 Raith
St. Johnstone	0 St. Bernard's
Stenmuir	2 Arbroath

I.R.C. Annual Sports Meeting

THE ANNUAL SPORTS meeting of the Indian Recreation Club will be held at the Club ground on Sunday, May 5, commencing at 1.30 p.m.

Mrs. R. Nazarin has consented to distribute the prizes at the conclusion of the events.

NANCY

has gone astray in the American mails. She will resume her adventures next week.

Valley Cup Lawn Bowls Match

The following rinks have been chosen to represent the Civil Service C.C. against the Police in a Valley Cup lawn bowls match at the Craigengower C.C. ground on Saturday, at 3 p.m.

J. Golladay, R. R. Wood, J. F. McGowan and J. Holliday.
M. E. Purvis, W. J. Burling, M. N. Macdonald and H. E. Strang.
E. W. C. Simmonds, J. W. Deakin, L. A. Collier and P. J. Jones.
A. C. Shepherd, H. Parrott, H. F. Harper and A. B. Allen.
H. Lord, F. S. Austin, A. Steven and S. Macdonald.
C. J. Walker, J. R. Carr, P. D. Crawley and C. Strang.
H. E. Strang, F. H. Hickman, J. C. Lucas, T. Seddon, A. J. MacFayden, J. Barnett and T. E. Wood.

POLICE RINKS

The Police will be represented by: Post, Shepherd, Cameron and Harris.
Fender, Goll, Henderson and McLeod.
Orem, Perkins, Macdonald and Channing.
Goll, Henderson, Soutar, Harrop and Davis.
Holliday, McWalter, Willerton and Taylor (D. H.).
Holliday, Fraser, Fitches and Wilcox.
Reserves—Hayward, Gowans and Tiltman.

HONGKONG F. C. RINKS

The following will represent the Hongkong Football Club in their Valley Cup match against Craigengower:
A. Watson, G. E. Stephens, L. E. Lammer, J. H. Gelling, J. Watson, K. S. Robertson and A. Brookbank.
J. S. Russell, A. W. Hodges, G. Duncan and W. Gill.
F. P. Andrew, C. G. Solis, D. A. Mansell and G. Wallycott.
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Golf

STARTING TIMES FOR ANNUAL R.A. MEETING

The following starting times have been arranged at Fanning for the Annual Royal Artillery Golf Meeting which takes place to-morrow:
9.30 Major Penfold, Capt. Colson.
9.45 Major Gifford, Major Anderson.
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12.00 Major Gifford, Major Anderson.

Pairs must fix opponents for the afternoon, and should not play against a pair from their own regiment.

The special train will leave Kowloon Station at 8.27 a.m.

Scotland Beat The Rest

The Scotland versus the Rest golf match, held by the Ladies' Section of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club on Tuesday, resulted in a win for Scotland 9½ to 7½.

Results:
Mrs. C. Meredith (Rest) beat Mrs. W. S. Miller (Scotland); Mrs. I. W. Sheehan (Scotland) beat Mrs. H. G. Sheldon (Rest); Mrs. P. S. Castor (Scotland) beat Mrs. F. A. Redmond (Rest); Mrs. K. R. Smalley (Rest) beat Mrs. W. N. A. (Scotland); Mrs. J. R. Collins (Rest); Mrs. H. B. Rose (Rest) beat Mrs. R. C. Stewart (Scotland); Mrs. F. D. Hunter (Scotland) beat Mrs. R. D. Walker (Rest); Mrs. H. Overly (Rest) beat Mrs. M. G. Henderson (Scotland); Mrs. F. D. Hunter (Scotland) beat Mrs. H. C. Margaret (Rest); Mrs. D. B. Edwards (Scotland) beat Mrs. L. Blair (Rest); Mrs. C. B. Brown (Rest) beat Mrs. A. Nichol (Scotland); Mrs. A. V. Greaves (Scotland) beat Mrs. A. J. Dennis (Rest); Mrs. R. J. Shirley (Scotland) beat Mrs. N. Price (Rest); Mrs. W. Park (Rest) beat Mrs. W. Fleming (Scotland); Mrs. R. Davies (Rest) beat Lady MacGregor (Scotland); Mrs. F. C. Young (Rest) beat Mrs. A. Macintosh (Scotland).

U. S. FLEET'S ORDEAL

Three Ships Damaged In Heavy Weather

Honolulu, Apr. 24. The American fleet, after buckling in heavy weather, has sent three destroyers to Pearl Harbour for repairs. Naval officials make no comment on the report, but according to unimpeachable sources, the U.S.S. Benham arrived with cracked plates, due to the heavy weather and is at present undergoing repairs. U.S.S. Haw, which arrived earlier with dented plates, received, when fueling, has been repaired and rejoined the fleet. U.S.S. Craven arrived in the harbour to-day, with dented plates due to the same reason.—United Press.

'Erbert 'Iggs 'is collum

'Erbert 'Iggs

me an' all 'ave received lots ov letters from honkong peepul wot sez we seems ter be wantin sum soshul uplift. nll sez that meens goin' up ter the glorster to 'ave one ov mster chessis stengals but I knows it meens goin' up ther blinkin peek.

as a matter ov fact nll an' me 'ave bin up ther peek carjume we didn't 'ave a time. Last week I got a letter from a lidy wot sed as 'ow all an' me seems ter be in the rong serroundins (she must 'ave been darn ole dutchs place in the black-out) an' she wanted us ter go ter 'er 'ouse fer a temparty.

she sed she wud respect m' 'in-cogito' wch made me link of wot m' muver warned me befor I cum nrt 'ere an' it seemed a blt risky but all wanted ter go so I sed alright we wul go up abart 4.15 or qorter past four on toosday.

the lidy tells us ter go rite ter the top ov the peek in the vernacular ruleway an wen we gets ter the top turn rite an' walk to 'er 'ouse wch 'is 'er name on a little notis outside, so up we goes in the little ole peek tram an' all gets ther wind up becos 'e thort ol the 'ouses was slippin darn the 'ill.

a rol officer was attin in the furst clarse an' 'e arks me fer a lite an' 'e pinched 'arf the blinkin box an' then starts ter smoke suna buccy wot smells like ole socks collume we was blinkin glad wen we got ter the top.

wen we gets ar the tram the bloomin fog was so fack wen yu walked fru it yu made a 'ole, but we turns rite an' goes 'arf speed shed ol corshus like an' we walks an' walks an' wunst I jest mannges ter save ole all from plunghin ter 'is doom over the blinkin precipis.

we walks fer abart a 'our and then we finds we ave got ter the peek tram agen an' we finds the rol scot bloke still sittin smokin 'is pipe an' all tells 'im ter douse the blinkin flug.

then annuver tram cum up an' a lot ov honkong tymps gits ar ol smokin pipes an' marks wun ov 'em the way ter the lidy's 'ouse an' 'e looks at me ol suspishus like an' sez wot dew want ter know for. so I sed as ow she asked me ter a tea-party and 'e sed a dld she will see abart that an' 'e looks like 'e 'as 'is dander up so I fodes inter the mist an' goes ter look fer all.

I leaves the bloke brevela maledicksuns (noospaper wurd fer cussin) an more fog an' then I finds all lying unconshus necks ter ther rol scot. I farned art all wos overcum becos the rol scot wanted ter borrrer two bucks.

In this time nite an' our spirts wos fallin so I decides the best flng wos ter git 'ome agen, so I perlittly shuvs the rol scots pipe inter 'is face an' umps all inter the peek tram wiv the kind corprashun ov ole andy andrews an' we soon gits back ter 'enrl agen wiv nuffin but lots of ex-petience an' not even the price of aum nurishment darn ole dutchs ole out at ome.

but all an' me is goin ter ave annuver shot at that there temparty—looks like it mite be intreegin dont it?

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1.03 Hawaiian Selections.

1.20 Songs by Jeanette MacDonald (Soprano).

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Compositions of Saint-Saens.

2.15 Close down.

5.45 Studio—Children's Hour.

6.45 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.47 Elgar—Sonata in E Minor, Op. 82.

Albert Sammons (Violin) and William Murdoch (Piano).

7.15 Studio—An appeal on behalf of "Toc II."

7.18 Songs by Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone).

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Two-Piano Recital by Herbert and Bernhard Ruff (from the Gloucester Hotel).

8.23 Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

8.45 Jessie Matthews (Soprano).

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

April 25, 1890.

The good ship Ertugrou, Captain Osman Pasha, arrived this afternoon having cut sufficient wood off Cape St. James to enable her to steam so far. She is, we believe, the first Turkish man-of-war that ever visited Far Eastern waters.

The Delaware Legislature has lately wended the law so that no woman in the State can now be pilloried as a punishment for witchcraft.

The diving plant on the feminine gender to get married if it feels so disposed has been triumphantly vindicated by Mrs. Mary Scianina who came out from England under contract to act as serving maid to Mrs. Jones. Mary booked her passage from home as "Miss Towler" but after nine days of single blessedness upon the briny she had reduced a Mr. Scanlan to such a condition of red-hot love, that he took her ashore at Naples and married her under the bright Italian sky. So she had taken another situation as perpetual cook to the husband of her bosom, and would be loath to carry out the agreement made while she was yet in ignorance of Scanlan, and didn't know the best intentions were. Tueroumen Mistress Jones foamed at the mouth, and said it was disgraceful for a girl to get married if she wanted to and took counsel with a number of her social circle who advised her to plunge Mary into prison. The blushing bride was accordingly torn from the clinging arms of her Scanlan, and might have been hanged with the conviction of a fine if Mrs. Jones had not mercifully discovered that she mustn't press the charge. Mrs. Scanlan is now happily married and her would-be mistress is slowly grasping the fact that she didn't buy Mary right out of London.

The Allied sweep against Constantinople is assuming dimensions which may soon dwarf the importance of land operations in Flanders or the east. The most powerful of Allied troops, the modern warfare has seen is certain to be reinforced without loss of time by large bodies of Allied troops. The seriousness of the situation is recognized at Constantinople where preparations are under way for the removal of the Government to Asia Minor.

According to Reuter's correspondent in the North of France eye witnesses of the German attack at Doeninghe are of opinion that the Germans did not employ gas but that a kind of vapour was projected from the German trenches by means as yet unknown.

The Germans previously noticed something unusual in progress behind the parapet of the enemy's trench in which openings had been made. The Germans were not a favourable wind to expel, under pressure, the times which were identified as emanating from behind the German trenches.

The Germans, protesting by the momentary confusion issued from the trenches supported by artillery fire. The leading German units would never permit them to cross the infected zone. (This was the first occasion on which the Germans used poison gas—24.)

From Athens it is reported that the Allies have landed at three points of the Gallipoli peninsula. (The only reference to the famous Gallipoli landing—24.)

10 YEARS AGO

April 25, 1930.

It is notified that in view of the heavy passenger traffic at week ends on the Canton Kowloon Railway, the Railway Administration has made arrangements to duplicate the present express service between Canton and Kowloon.

The Australian Labour Government's proposal to appoint the septuagenarian Chief Justice, Sir Isaac Isaacs, as first assistant to the Governor-General has aroused strong hostility. Mr. Latham, leader of the Federal Opposition, said the present Federal Ministers never had any enthusiasm for the Empire and no substantial body of opinion desired a change.

It has now been made clear beyond any shadow of doubt that the recommendations of the Salaries Commission are put into effect. Consequently there will be a very big increase in local taxation.

5 YEARS AGO

April 25, 1935.

Regarding rumours current in Shanghai that the Chinese intend to devalue the dollar, we learn, on enquiry in official quarters, that there is no foundation for such reports.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the British Prime Minister, in an article in the official organ of the group "The News Letter" to-day arraigns Germany and declares that she has broken the road to peace and beset it with terrors.

"Germany claims a measure of armed force putting most of the nations of Europe at its mercy," declares the Prime Minister.

Germany asks other nations to accept a verbal pledge of her pacific intentions which she herself would not accept from her neighbours," he adds.

The Hongkong dollar registered a further advance of three farthings this morning, the official rate on opening being 2s. 3½d. The market was very firm on opening, the business rate being 2s. 3½d. sellers and 2s. 4d. buyers.

The 20th anniversary of the Landing at Gallipoli—April 25, 1915 on which date the Australian and New Zealand Expeditionary Forces received their baptism of fire in their first major war—was observed in Hongkong this morning.

Rais da Costa (Piano) and Reginald Dixon (Organ).

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 London Relay—"Vive la France."

9.45 A Light French Programme.

10.15 Grieg—Incidental Music to Peer Gynt.

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10.30. Half an hour of Dance Music.

11.0 Close down.

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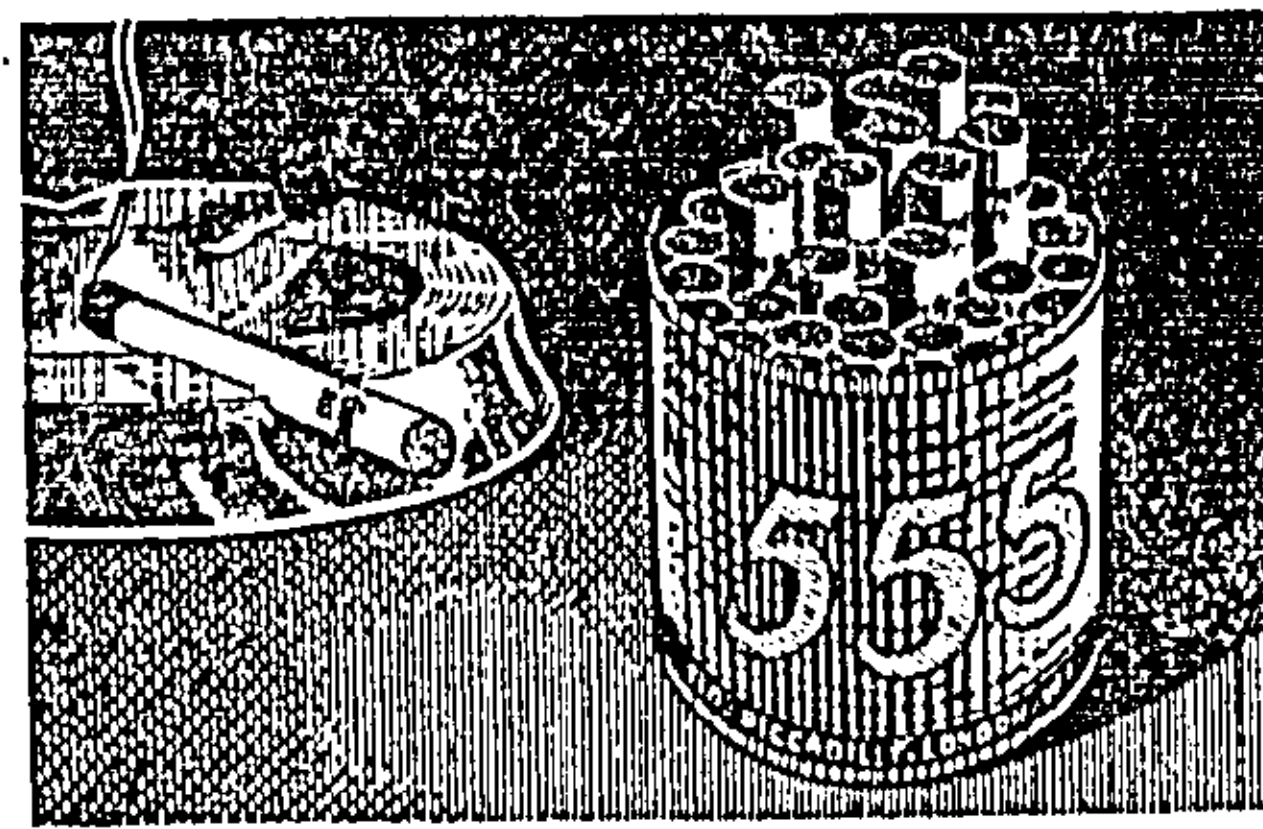
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Fascists Try To Silence H. G. Wells

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FASCISTS tried to shout down Mr. H. G. Wells at a National Peace Council meeting at Central Hall, Westminster.

Telling, "I am a representative of Sir Oswald Mosley, a man in the gallery threw down several bundles of leaflets. That started the chorus.

More cries rang through the hall, as: "We are Fascists, and proud of it."

There were counter-cries like: "Call the police!" "Traitors!" For seven minutes Mr. Wells stood silent at the microphone.

Not Worth Hearing

Then a number of the interrupters were forcibly removed. Somebody called out: "Let Mosley broadcast."

Mr. Wells replied: "He never said anything worth hearing."

Mr. Wells, in his speech, said that the abolition of distance had created a situation in which a world government was necessary.

"Are you prepared," he asked, "to face the fact that your Government, just like other Governments, has to give place to a world Government?"

"There is no way to world peace except through a world revolutionary movement."

Discussing proposals for a negotiated peace now, Mr. Wells said the war was costing them £6,000,000 a day and social disorganisation.

"The peace you would get now would cost you the same," he said. "It would be a mere nominal change from the war we have now to the peace they have in China."

Yard Listens

About 3,000 people in the main hall heard the speech, and 600 at an overflow meeting.

Scotland Yard officers took notes of the speeches.

SOVIET TRADE PACT

Butler Makes Statement To Commons

London, Apr. 24.

In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said that in response to proposals for the resumption of the trade negotiations recently put forward by M. Molotov, the British Government indicated it was of paramount importance to them so as to adapt their economic policy best to further their war effort.

Any trade agreement concluded with a neutral Government must therefore be related to the present war conditions and in particular to supplies of essential commodities to the enemy.

The Government accordingly invited the Soviet Government to put forward for consideration concrete proposals for a trade agreement, having regard to these considerations.

No date had been fixed for the return of the British Ambassador, Sir William Seeds, to Moscow. He is still on leave here.—Reuter.

LATE NEWS

Nazis Lulled By Fantastic Tales of German Victories

Neutral correspondents in Berlin report that Nazi propaganda in the Press and radio has attained such a grip of the German population that the most fantastic tales about England and France are willingly believed.

This has reached such a pitch that the inevitable reaction may be expected during the summer, when it will become clear that Nazi promises of a swift victory are merely wishful thinking.

M. Helge Knudsen, Berlin correspondent of the Berlingske Aftenavis, writes that everybody in Germany believes that Hitler will bring peace before the end of summer, or at the very latest by next Christmas.

"This attitude among the people," writes the correspondent, "is not only inspired by the Nazi party organization. It is also a product of a one-sided agitation by a one-sided Press, internally expressing not the slightest criticism and externally shaking its fist in the face of the world."

"Whatever kind of polemics are written about foreign countries are believed like gospel. This is the reason for the belief in England's weakness and in the enormity of her losses at sea. That is why complete fantasies are accepted as truth."

Even quite reasonable elements, continues M. Knudsen, believe amazing stories about Hitler's "modern magic." Some believe that German physicists have invented a method of freezing England into an ice block, while others speak of a new sorority gas which will send Britain to sleep for a fortnight while the German troops occupy the country.

It is universally believed, states the correspondent, that the German attack will come in the early spring and perhaps in four or five weeks' time.

"The whole agitation in Germany," from Ribbentrop's foreword to the

White Book to the articles about Frederick the Great as Hitler's model," he continues, "promise that Germany will take the initiative and bring about a decision of the war."

"While the greater part of the ration mentioned on German food cards can still be obtained," continues M. Knudsen, "the promised ration of honey has disappeared. The shortage of potatoes during the present cold spell has been almost catastrophic."

The owner of a chain of food stores whom he knew was losing between 500 and 1,000 marks daily. Chocolate shops had been forced to close and the shelves of wine and cigar merchants were almost empty. Garage owners and petrol dealers were also in an unenviable situation.

It is clear from reports of M. Knudsen and other neutral observers that war weariness is rising in Germany. If confidence in victory is not yet shaken among the mass of the population there will certainly be a strong reaction on the course of the next few months unless Hitler can produce some solid successes which hold out the hope of a more or less acceptable peace.

NO COLOUR BAR IN R.A.F.

London, Apr. 24.

Capt. H. H. Balfour, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Air, gave an assurance in the House of Commons to-day that there was no colour bar in the Royal Air Force.

British subjects of non-European descent in this country were considered on their merits for service in the R.A.F. and several had been accepted since the outbreak of war.—Reuter.

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WHITEAWAY'S

BESIEGED NAZI FORCE SURRENDERS TO ALLIES

Allied Success In Narvik Sector

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

STOCKHOLM, April 24 (UP).—Allied sources claim that an entire battalion of German troops in the Narvik sector surrendered to the Norwegians on Tuesday after being besieged and cut off from help for six days.

The Germans were surrounded in the village of Gratangen, 30 miles north of Narvik.

Prior to surrendering, 150 of the Germans were killed. Only 2,000 Germans now remain in the entire Narvik sector.

The Germans in Gratangen surrendered through lack of food, ammunition and shelter. A large quantity of modern automatic weapons was captured by the Norwegians.

Norwegian and Allied forces are now fighting their way towards Bjornefell, on the Swedish frontier, and border terminus of the railway from Narvik to the Swedish ore mines.

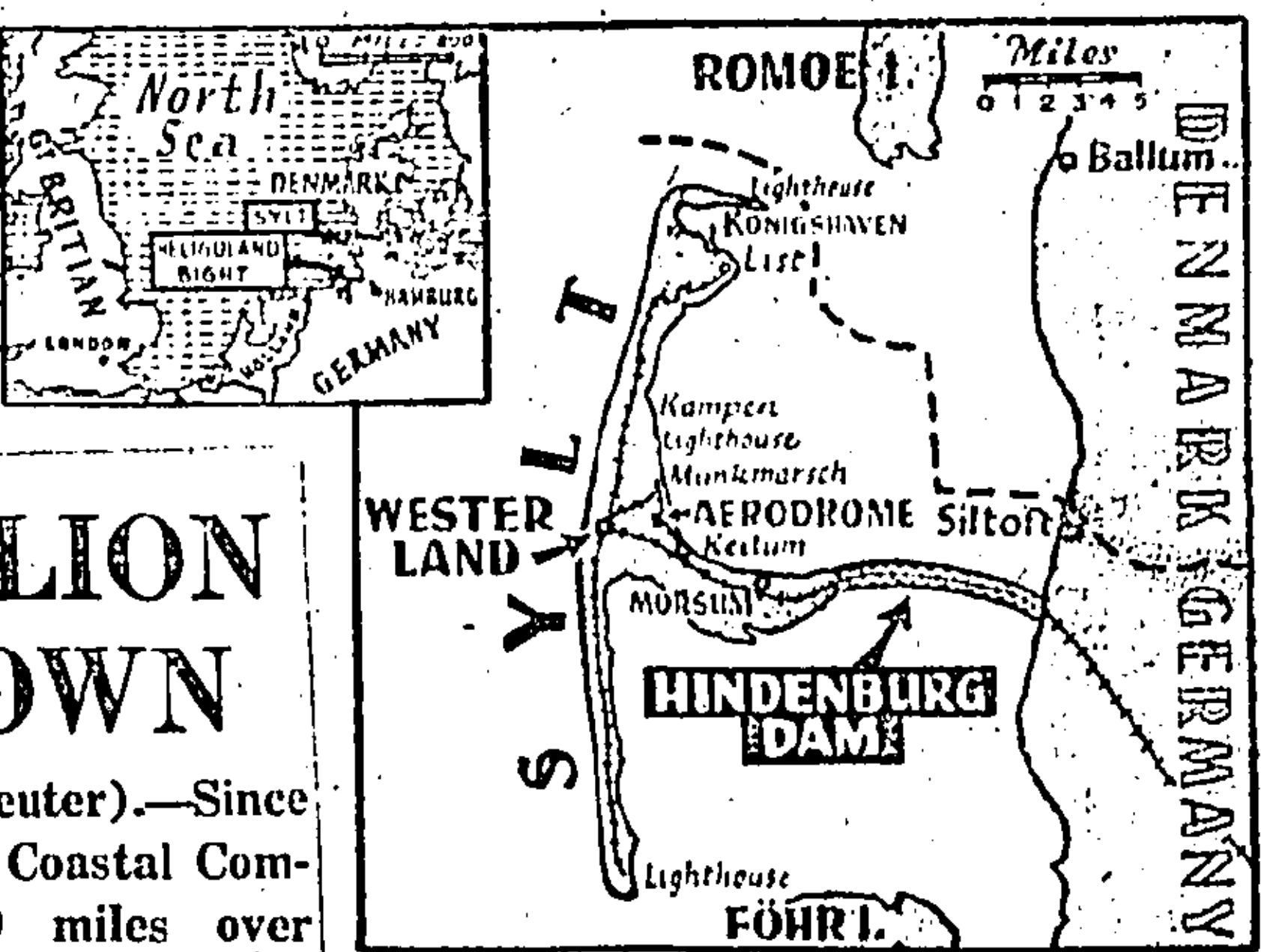
By establishing control of the railway, the Allies have broken the last line of retreat of the remaining Germans in the Narvik sector.

North Trondheim Fighting
LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—The news of fighting north of Trondheim. **PLEASE Turn To Page 7.**

R.A.F. SEND 10,000 TON NAZI SHIP UP IN FLAMES



THIS REMARKABLE photograph taken by aircraft of the Coastal Command from a height of 9,000 feet over Kristiansand on April 9, shows clearly the fate of a 10,000 ton German merchant vessel (which is seen in left background with white smoke streaming away to the right), which was hit by bombs and set on fire as the ship was unloading troops and stores off Bergada Island. In the foreground is the town of Kristiansand and the Island of Oddero adjacent. Near the island can be seen a large transport at anchor, while in Haneviken Bay, southwest of Kristiansand can be seen three further German transports.—British Official Photograph.



EIGHT MILLION MILES FLOWN

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—Since the invasion of Norway, the Coastal Command has flown over 30,000 miles over Norway on reconnaissance.

They have taken photographs and surveyed fjords and enemy positions.

Now that at last the German Navy has put to sea the Coastal Command has been doing excellent naval co-operation work, spotting accurately and reporting the variety of craft from mine-sweepers to pocket-battle-ships.

These successes have tended to overshadow the achievements of the Coastal Command planes during the early months but figures speak for themselves.

8,000,000 Miles On Patrol

Since the war began, the Coastal Command planes have flown some 8,000,000 miles on patrol.

Even in the worst weather of the winter months the planes did not fly less than 250,000 miles each week.

Most of the Coastal Command pilots have flown an equivalent of at least once round the world since the war began.

Each week 4,000 ships have been guarded by planes of the Coastal Command. To date no British or **PLEASE Turn To Page 7.**

New R.A.F. Raid on Sylt: Nazi Bases Destroyed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, April 24 (UP).—The Air Ministry announces that extensive bombing raids were carried out on the island of Sylt in Heligoland Bay to-day and yesterday.

The Westerland aerodrome, which is on the western side of the island, was the principal target.

It will be recalled that the R.A.F. machines concentrated their attentions on the Borkum aerodrome on the other side of the island in the last series of raids.

In to-day's raid, bombs were rained almost continuously on the Westerland aerodrome for 100 minutes.

In addition to the raids on Sylt, British bombers continued the raids on Danish and Norwegian airports in Nazi hands.

Twenty German planes which were grounded on the Stavanger aerodrome were bombed just before dawn. A number of them are believed to have been destroyed and damaged.

R.A.F. planes which raided Christiansand concentrated their attention on the runways of the aerodrome and airport buildings, registering many effective hits.

Transports Bombed

Another raid was also carried out on the Oslo airport at Fornebu. **PLEASE Turn To Page 7.**

"ITALY WILL FIGHT" SAYS MUSSOLINI

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Apr. 24 (UP).—"I do not believe Italy will not go to war. Italy will honour her pacts!"

According to unimpeachable sources Mussolini made this declaration to a group of Fascist leaders representing 22 corporations last Sunday.

Mussolini said it may be a matter of weeks before Italy joins on the side of Germany, the source asserted.

The newspaper "Resto del Carlino" declares: "If we enter the war we will not fight for Germany but we will fight at Germany's side."

Detention Of The Selenga Has Desired Result

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—The detention of the Russian steamers Selenga and Vladimir Mayakowski is stated in London to have produced the result desired.

Since the detention of these two ships, no further Soviet ships have sailed from the United States with cargoes likely to constitute contraband.

ANZAC DAY OBSERVED

Ceremony At H.K. Cenotaph

The wheel of time, spinning full circle, has brought an Anzac Day whose memories, perhaps, are sharper than they have been for a decade. Its recognition by the Australian Community in Hongkong was as simple and earnest as ever, consisting solely of the laying of wreaths at the Cenotaph at 11 o'clock this morning.

Memories of Gallipoli, 1915, are sharper this year because khaki-clad Australians, many of them sons of heroes and martyrs of the last war, are again in the neighbourhood of the Dardanelles. Some of them, indeed, **PLEASE Turn To Page 7.**

Year's First Air Raid On Chungking

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, Apr. 25 (UP).—For the first time this year, Japanese warplanes early this morning raided Chungking and dropped bombs on the outskirts of the city.

The raid was carried out at 1.40 a.m. and the machines came over in two flights.

Chungking's population took refuge inside the rocky dugouts which have now become a feature of the city's defences, and had to remain there for a full four hours.

It is not yet known what damage was caused by the raiders, but whatever bombs were dropped fell only on the outskirts of the capital.

The renewal of Japanese air raids has been long expected and the Chungking authorities have spent the last four months in making adequate preparations against them.

Recapture Of Kaifeng Confirmed

Big Losses Admitted By Japanese

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LOYANG, Apr. 24 (Central).—A telephonic message from Chengchow confirms reports from Chungking that the Chinese forces have occupied Kaifeng, capital of Honan Province.

The Japanese Headquarters, which was formerly the Ming Cheng High School, have been occupied by the Chinese forces.

Major Chao Yueh-men, the Commander of the Chinese forces, was killed in the attack on the city.

Japanese Admission

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PEIHING, Apr. 24 (UP).—A spokesman of the Japanese Army admitted to-day that the Chinese attack on Kaifeng was the most successful launched since the Japanese occupied the city nearly two years ago.

He admitted that 2,000 Chinese troops succeeded in entering the city at 2.30 a.m. on April 23, but claims that the Chinese subsequently retreated.

The Chinese attack, said the spokesman, was preceded by a heavy artillery bombardment, during which five Japanese soldiers and several Japanese civilians were killed. Among the Japanese casualties was Major Takee Tsuge.

RAID ON ORKNEYS

Invaders Drop Bombs, Are Driven Off

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There were no casualties and no damage was inflicted.

Anti-aircraft action was brief although the air raid warning lasted an hour.

Explosion Shakes Houses

One explosion shook houses six miles away and A.R.P. workers declared that they saw a plane flying low, apparently damaged.

No bombs were dropped in the Scapa Flow waters.

An official statement by the Air Ministry and the Admiralty stated that numerous enemy aircraft attempted to attack Scapa Flow to-night.

"Two bombs were seen to drop and fall in the heather. One enemy aircraft, made an abortive attempt to bomb an open road.

"No damage or casualties resulted, and the enemy were driven off by anti-aircraft fire and R.A.F. fighting planes.

Shots Fired At Escaping Internee

A daring attempt at escape from the Internment Camp in Argyle Street was made by a Chinese soldier, Leung Ting-chun, about 4 p.m. yesterday.

He climbed the barbed wire at the west side of the camp, and when challenged by two sentries, ignored the order to stop. Two shots were fired, but both missed.

After negotiating the wire fence, Leung ran on, but was intercepted by Mr. J. James of the P.W.D. who was passing by. Leung was brought back to the camp, and later handed over to the Police.

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Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" London date, 20th April. Apr. 27.
Canton Apr. 27.
Haiphong Apr. 27.
Japan and Shanghai Apr. 27.
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Calcutta and Straits Apr. 28.
Japan Apr. 28.
Shanghai and Amoy Apr. 28.
Haiphong, Hoihow and Fort Bayard Apr. 28.
Haiphong Apr. 29.
Shanghai Apr. 29.
U.S.A. and Manila (San Francisco date, 10th March) Apr. 29.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service" San Francisco date, 23rd April Apr. 30.
Japan Apr. 30.
Straits Apr. 30.

OUTWARD MAILS

Thursday, Apr. 25
Parcels only for Tientsin 12.30 p.m.
Shanghai (Parcels only) 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan 1.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard 2.30 p.m.
Haiphong 3.00 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta Apr. 25, 5 p.m.
Letters Apr. 25, 7 p.m.
Shanghai Apr. 25, 7 p.m.
Friday, Apr. 26
Straits and Calcutta Apr. 26, 9.30 a.m.
Parcels Apr. 26, 10.30 a.m.
Letters Apr. 26, 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Parcels only for Tientsin 1 p.m.
Touane, Saigon and Bangkok 7 p.m.
Sandakan 7 p.m.
Saturday, Apr. 27
Fort Bayard, Hoihow and Haiphong. Noon.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 5th May.

G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Reg. Apr. 27, 5 p.m.
Ord. Apr. 27, 5.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Bombay, Belra, Lourenco Marques, East and South Africa Apr. 28, 5.30 p.m.
Sunday, Apr. 28
Canton 7.15 a.m.
Amoy and Shanghai 9 a.m.
Monday, Apr. 29
Haiphong Noon.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Suez and London Parcels—due London, 10th June.

K.P.O.
Parcels Apr. 29, 3 p.m.
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Ord. Apr. 29, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Parcels Apr. 29, 3 p.m.
Reg. Apr. 29, 5 p.m.
Ord. Apr. 29, 7 p.m.
Canton 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Apr. 30
Batavia and Sourabaya 8.30 a.m.
Haiphong 2 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A., by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 7th May.

K. P. O.
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NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 30th May, 1940, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd May to 13th June inclusive.

By order of the Board,
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LTD.
General Managers.
Hongkong, 16th April, 1940.

HONGKONG ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the EIGHTEENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders of the Hongkong Engineering & Construction Company, Limited, will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Sir Elly Kadoorie & Sons, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 1st May, 1940, at 12 o'clock (Noon), for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the year ended on the 31st December, 1939, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 22nd April to the 1st May, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
B. ALVES,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 15th April, 1940.

THE ROYAL ENGINEERS

New Colonels-Commandant

The War Office announces that the King has been pleased to approve the following appointments as Colonels-Commandant, Royal Engineers:—

Lieutenant-General Sir Guy C. Williams, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., with effect from February 10, 1940, in succession to Colonel (honorary Major-General) C. Collin, V.C., C.B., D.S.O., retired pay, who attains the age limit for the appointment on that date.

Major-General G. H. Addison, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., retired pay, with effect from March 30, 1940, in succession to Major-General Sir Henry F. Thwaites, K.C.B., C.M.G., retired pay, who completes the term of his appointment on that date.

Lieutenant-General E. K. Squires, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., with effect from June 3, 1940, in succession to Colonel (honorary Major-General) Sir Sydney D'A. Crookshank, K.C.M.G., C.B., C.I.E., D.S.O., M.V.O., retired pay, who attains the age limit for the appointment on that date.

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One man runs private war

Defies Nazi Navy

BURLY Captain Christian Holm, forty-three-year-old skipper of the Danish steamer Inga, has called a truce in the private war he has been waging against the German Navy since the enemy invaded his country.

The war began early in January, when his 2,000-ton ship, bound for England, was hailed by a Nazi patrol boat far out in the North Sea. Said Skipper Holm:

"It was pitch dark, so I shouted back that I was stopping. But instead I ordered all lights out and full speed ahead, and flung over the wheel until we were heading straight for that Nazi boat."

"The German captain saw the danger, and just had time to get out of our way. It was too dark for him to do anything to us, and we just hurried abuse at each other."

"Last thing we heard was a radio message from the German: 'Don't worry, Inga, we'll get you next time.'"

'Get Him' Order

Skipper Holm reached Britain, and started back again across the North Sea. His friends in other ships warned him that the Nazi patrols and U-boats were out for his blood. One particular boat, they said, had been detailed to get him. But nothing happened.

The skipper left Denmark again for Britain. Out in the North Sea he was signalled to stop by a U-boat. It said:—

"You are the famous runaway Inga. You won't get away this time."

"I said to the boys," he said, "it's dark, and we're faster than they are. Let's try to get away again."

So he ordered full speed ahead and thumbed his nose at the U-boat.

"The last thing I heard," he said, "was a radio threat from the captain:—"

"The water is cold. You had better stop! Then, as we flew away: 'We'll wait for you.'"

But on the way back to Denmark Skipper Holm took a different course and reached home safely.

"I have had enough for a time."

Photographing The War

Official Camera Men in Action

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—It was announced in the House of Commons yesterday that we have now more photographs showing the work of the Royal Navy.

It was also announced that arrangements have been made for a number of newsreel cameramen to be attached to units of the fleet.

Already a large number of naval photographs have been taken by some of the seamen. Some of these photographs have recently appeared in the press.

News Photographer in Norway
It was also stated that an officer with Fleet Street experience as a photographer has been specially brought back from France and is now in Norway.

Civilian photographers will follow him later.

Four official photographers have been in France since last October. Another unit will be stationed in the Middle East within the next fortnight.

Hitler's New Commissar

Nazi To Administer Occupied Norway

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

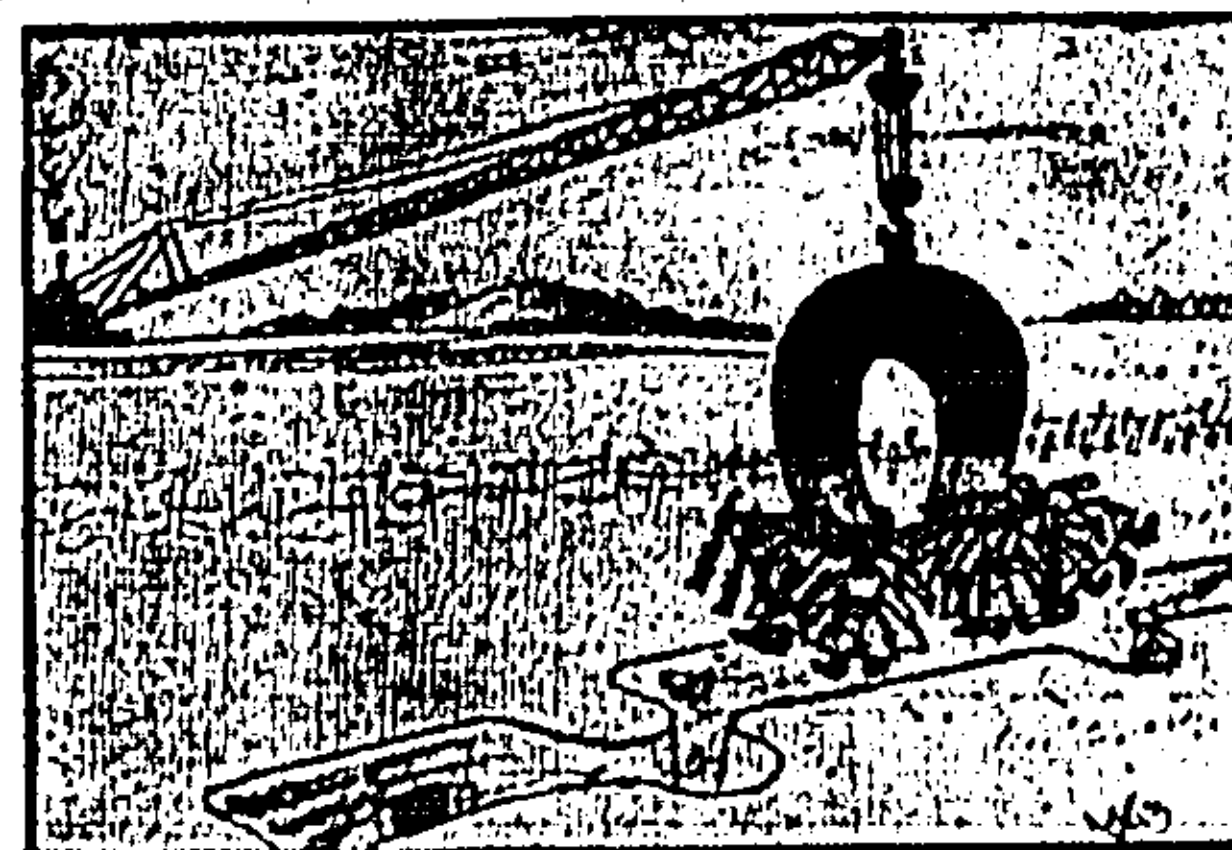
BERLIN, Apr. 24 (UP).—The D.N.E. (Official German News Agency) to-day announced that Hitler has appointed the Gauleiter of Essen, Herr Joseph Terboven, as Commissar for the occupied territories in Norway—directly under the Fuehrer's orders as Reich Commissar.

Complete Sovereignty
It has been authoritatively stated that Herr Terboven's appointment inaugurates complete and untruncated German sovereignty in the occupied areas of Norway, similar to those in Poland.

Subordinate to Hitler
BERLIN, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—It is announced that Hitler has appointed Herr Terboven, who was formerly Gauleiter of Essen and President of the Rhine Province, as the Reich's Commissar for the occupied districts in Norway. He will be directly subordinate to Hitler.

SECRET IS OUT

German cartoonists have begun poking fun at a "secret weapon" France is supposed to possess. Here are two examples of Tontale humour on the subject from the "Berliner Illustrierte."



The secret weapon (above) is revealed. It is a giant magnet swung over the German lines and used to lift the troops from their trenches by the attraction of their steel helmets. The (right) rises in the East, that is, behind the German lines, so the French have invented an artificial sun, which they attach to a balloon on tall poles. This is meant to deceive the Germans and accordingly turn round and shoot at their own positions.

CITY OF FLINT MASTER ACCUSED

NEW YORK.

UNTIL now, Joseph A. Gainard, skipper of the freighter City of Flint, has been an heroic figure.

But to-day he stands accused by the National Maritime Union of "gross neglect of duty" and "repeatedly playing into the Nazis' hands."

Captain Gainard dismissing the charges inconceivably as "ridiculous." Two sailors of the freighter and a cabin boy have made affidavits saying that Gainard neglected several opportunities to get his ship away from the Nazi prize crew and to get in touch with the American authorities.

The union now demands that his masters certificate be cancelled.



WAR on the Western Front, in Finland and in China, has been dominating America's front page for many months, but to-day it was pushed to the inside pages by home political news.

White-haired Republican Senator Arthur Vandenberg, one of the many potential candidates for the White House, speaking at St. Paul, Minnesota, last night shouted:—

"The American people are tired of life on the flying trapeze. They are tired of Bureaucrats, Boondoggies, Barnacles, Brains Trusts, Bullyhoes and Bankruptcy."

Awards For Gallantry

Five Naval Officers Decorated

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—A number of awards for gallantry at sea have been announced in the "London Gazette."

They include a D.S.O. for Lieut. Commander Hugh Percival Price and a Distinguished Service Cross for Sub-Lieutenant Edward Perry Rea, both of H.M.S. Gleaner, for destroying an enemy submarine.

An O.B.E. has been conferred upon Lieut. Commander Michael Southgate, Townshead and an M.B.E. has been conferred on Sub-Lieutenant Vernon John St. Clair-Ford, both of H.M.S. Viscount, for saving many lives at sea on the occasion of the enemy bombing the steamer Domala.

The D.S.O. has been awarded to Lieut. Commander Roy Berryman Edwards of H.M.S. Watchdog, for courage and skill in securing and sinking an enemy ship and stripping live enemy mines regardless of his own safety.

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Beachcombers Reap £40-a-day Harvest from War Wrecks

WAR-TIME beachcombers around Britain are earning up to £40 a day, on their lucky days.

Wherever a cargo vessel has been sunk off the coast since the war they have gathered there with their grappling tackle.

Evacuated schoolchildren are sharing in this rich harvest in many places.

Those who tow ashore bales of cotton are paid between £1 and 30s. for the salvage, while others are busy hauling ashore huge lengths of expensive timber, which are stacked on the foreshore.

The boatmen's tackle for landing boats is used to haul heavy goods up the foreshore and guards are left at the stack while the men go out for more.

Many of the usual beachcombers have gathered enough wood and coal to last them through at least two winters, and children have found a ready sale for cases of concentrated medicinal preparations.

"There is not so much risk and it is far more profitable than fishing," a South Coast fisherman told a reporter. Chronicle reporter.

Small Fortunes Are Being Made

"Many of the Londoners who own boats, but usually lay them up for the winter, are coming to join in the harvest. Small fortunes are being made."

"Schoolchildren 'combing' the beach near here have been picking up cases of concentrated casaca and finding a ready market at 1s. 6d. a piece."

At one south-east coast resort people were queuing up for permission to take away lengths of timber and many were using cars. Some of the bungalows on seafrosts have timber stacked in their gardens.

Sheets of compressed cork which have been salvaged by one man are stacked in the garage and garden of his home.

(Name "beachcomber" given originally to white man in Pacific Islands making living by collecting goods washed ashore from wrecks. Holiday resorts are beachcombers' paradise in summer and more stormy parts of coast in winter.)

CHAT WITH CANNIBAL

MR. MALCOLM MACDONALD, Colonial Secretary, told an Oxford audience of a chat he had had with a cannibal chief in the South Sea Islands. The conversation went like this:

Have you yourself eaten human flesh?

Yes, many a time.

What does it taste like?

Good roast pork.

Which taste the better—coloured men or white men?

Coloured men, because white men have too much salt in their flesh.

Have you ever eaten a white man?

No, only an American.

Mr. MacDonald told dons and undergraduates of this experience to drive home a point in his speech that it would not have done to grant complete freedom in every part of the world. Gradual and steady evolution was the better way, he said.

TALL?—DON'T TRY TO BE CUTE & CUDDLY

TALL girls should never apologise for their height—they should dramatise it.

Miss Peg Newton, New York modiste—she is 5ft. 10in. herself—gives this as a key rule for the tall.

Here are other gems of advice:—
You can't get by with cuteness. Be dignified instead—or the stren type.

Wear high heels. A tall woman in flat heels seems to be apologising for her height. Don't do that—dramatise it! Without good posture, confidence and a bit of dash you are lost.

Don't wear a hat with a red feather waving in the air. But wear smart hats; don't try to look like a little brown bird by squinting your eyes down and wearing drab colours.

Girls 5ft. 10in. to 6ft. 2in. seem to be increasing, says Peg, but fortunately they are less likely to be self-conscious about it than their mothers were.

They carry their heads proudly, she declares. They don't stoop, even when dancing with a short man. And best of all, they don't try to be "cute and cuddly."

Peg ought to know. Her profession is dressing tall women. Her little shop has high-ceilinged rooms and her fitter is 5ft. 9in.—all part of the idea of making women live up to their height.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—The War Department has decided that no foreign attaches will be invited to attend manoeuvres, in which some 70,000 troops will participate.

The manoeuvres will be held in Louisiana and Texas in May when troops in the "streamlined" divisions will be operating for the first time in peace as a field army.

The exclusion of foreign attaches is explained in authorised quarters as due to the fact that the available facilities will be too crowded for them to be looked after properly.

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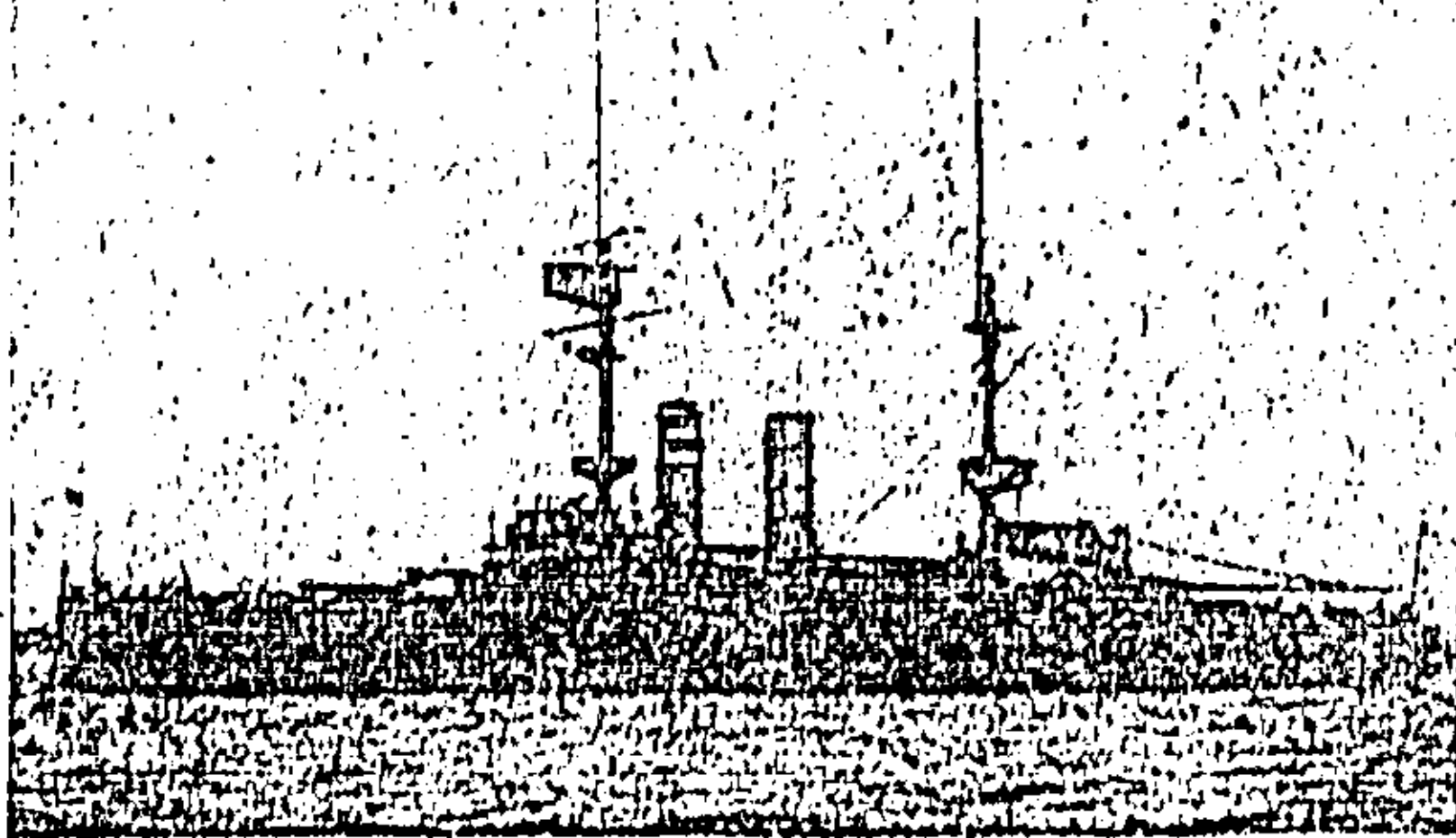
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PUT BACK THE CLOCK

Budget Speech 1896

INCOME TAX WAS UP TO 8d. (UPROAR); BRITAIN FACED HER FIRST PEACE-TIME £100,000,000 BILL; THEY WANTED ANOTHER COUPLE OF MILLION FOR THE NAVY ("UNPRECEDENTED INCREASE")



THIS WAS THE NAVY'S LAST PRINCE OF WALES

Another Prince of Wales Joins the Navy

A new battleship has been added to the Royal Navy. Older traditions have been upheld. There is yet another Prince of Wales in the fighting fleet. A famous ship's name is revived.

The naming of British warships is always a subject of considerable care. This year, it is estimated, 100 vessels of various classes, ranging from battleships to river sloops, will take the water—an average of about two per week.

Nearly every new ship will have a distinctive name which will carry on the long traditions of the Senior Service.

There sit from time to time in a room in the Admiralty in Whitehall a special committee of naval officers and experts.

They decide on what names for new ships should be suggested to the First Lord for subsequent submission to the King. For the name of every ship in the Royal Navy must be approved by his Majesty.

The new Prince of Wales is the successor to a privator employed by the exiled King James II., and captured by the forces of King William in 1693.

The first line-of-battle ship to bear the name, however, was not put into service until 1765, when a vessel of 74 guns was built at Milford and named after the future Prince Regent, then an infant of two and a half years.

A contemporary witness describes the scene at the launching: "Ten thousand spectators covered the hills all round, which with several of H.M. ships, a great number of sloops, and other vessels made a beautiful appearance."

"The decorations and carved wood are light, graceful, and elegant. The head is a bust of H.M. supported on each side by Liberty and Wisdom and appearing with all the dignity of a Prince of the Ancient Britons."

The ship fought at Grenada and was blown up 15 years later, a very short life for a man-of-war in those days.

The next Prince of Wales was a vessel of 98 guns which fought at the Glorious First of June and only missed being in line at Trafalgar owing to the fact that she was ordered to take home Sir Richard

Calder, who was recalled for not fighting his forces to a finish in an action with the French off Cape Finisterre.

The following Prince of Wales had her design changed twice, and was finally built as a screw three-decker in 1860. She was never commissioned, and was renamed Britannia and anchored at Dartmouth as a training ship. The last ship of the name was a 15,000-ton battleship of the Queen class, dating from 1902, and took part in the last war.

A New Lion

THE Royal Navy will soon have a new battleship called Lion, which will replace in the naval roster the flagship of Lord Beatty at Jutland.

The Lions have a history of more than 400 years, for it was in 1511 that the first Lion is recorded, a small ship of 120 tons, captured from Scotland.

The seventh of the giant battleship now building is the Temeraire—a "name of fair renown" as was recorded when Turner painted his immortal picture of the old Fighting Temeraire being towed to the ship-breakers' yard, exhibited in the Royal Academy in 1839.

This was the famous ship which was second in Nelson's line at Trafalgar. Her captain saw that the Victory was getting a great deal of enemy fire and manoeuvred his ship to protect her. Nelson immediately signalled that she go astern at once, where she was badly damaged.

But when the end came two hours after, it is related, "This magnificent ship lay with a French 74 on each side of her, both her prizes, one lashed to her mainmast and one to her anchor."

When she was finally scrapped, the occasion was made one of almost national mourning.

A new illustrious has already been commissioned. She is the Navy's latest aircraft-carrier. The original illustrious was with Hood before Toulon in the Revolutionary wars. The second, after taking part in the ill-fated Walcheren expedition in 1809, became a training ship at Portsmouth.

The last ship was a battleship of 14,000 tons built in 1895.

She had a sister ship, Victorious, in the same class. There is about the name, Victorious, also an aircraft-carrier. The first Victorious was a 74-gunner which took part in the capture of the Cape of Good Hope.

Prize Captures

THE new aircraft-carriers will also take two more honoured names—Formidable and Implacable. The first Formidable was captured from the French by Lord Hawke at the battle of Quiberon Bay in 1759. Another was at the relief of Gibraltar. Likewise the first Implacable was a prize capture from the French, this time in the Napoleonic wars.

Everyone will welcome the revival of old traditions in the names of many of the new smaller vessels—cruisers, destroyers, submarines, and depot ships.

The cruiser Bonaventure has already been launched. The name has a history dating back to Henry VIII. Drake made his last voyage in a Bonaventure. A Bonaventure carried the Duke of Cumberland's flag at the fight with the Armada. She flew Drake's flag when that redoubtable sailor "sing'd the King of Spain's beard" in 1589 on the occasion of the daring raid at Cadiz.

There has been a Bonaventure in nearly every war of the past two and a half centuries.

Norman Hillson

"WITH reference to the enormous increase in expenditure the great question ought to be considered whether it is not now increasing faster than the capacity to bear it."

Wise words, you may think, in days when income tax is 7s. 6d. in £ and the country faces a Budget of £2,600,000,000.

Well—and who said them? They were spoken, with due solemnity, by Sir Michael Hicks-Beach ("Black Michael") when he opened his Budget in 1896.

It was a stupendous occasion. For the first time in the peace history of Britain, the Budget had risen to £100,000,000. Income tax (oh, intolerable burden!) stood at 8d. in the £. It had been 2d. in 1874, had risen to 6d. by 1884, and after fluctuations, was 6d. by 1894.

These facts were noted with ominous head-shakings. There were references in the debate to the "unprecedented" increase in expenditure, which was mainly on a big scheme of naval expansion.

This cost the taxpayers £2,000,000 more than in 1895, and brought the outlay on the Navy up to a grand total of £21,825,000, or about one-seventh of the sum we are spending to-day.

Sir Henry Fowler (Wolverhampton) spoke severely about the income tax in 1896. "It assumes," he said, "that in the opinion of the Government, 8d. in the £ is to be taken as the normal peace rate of income tax. But in my opinion 6d. is a very fair rate to impose in time of peace." (Cheers.)

The income tax had been first imposed in 1841 (except for a short period during the Napoleonic wars) by Sir Robert Peel to compensate him for the loss of duties after the repeal of the Corn Laws. It was a "temporary measure"—which has never been relaxed.

All For £200,000

THERE was a great Budget storm, too, in 1897, when Sir Michael Hicks-Beach proposed to spend money on increasing the garrison in South Africa.

The Liberal Opposition at once raised the cry of a "war policy." Sir William Harcourt (how familiar it all sounds) denounced Mr. Joseph Chamberlain and said, "The Opposition will offer a most determined resistance to money being spent on promoting aggressive and warlike policies in South Africa."

Then, after a dramatic pause, and pointing an accusing finger, he cried: "You are asking for £200,000!"

And it was true. No wonder the country was shaken to its financial foundations.

Cries of "Ruin" have punctuated nearly every Budget speech. As far back as 1893, when the country was spending about £65,000,000 a year on everything, Mr. Gladstone warned Parliament about the "great, rapid, and menacing expenditure" which wealthy Victorian England was incurring.

Do not imagine that the expenditure of our grandfathers was as great as is to-day in comparison with their national income.

When annual Budgets were about £70,000,000 in the 1870's, the national income was more than £1,000,000,000 a year. In other words they spent about 7 per cent. of their income. To-day England is spending five times that proportion on defence alone; and for all purposes she is disbursing more than 42 per cent. of her entire national receipts.

The time they took in those days, too! Why, Mr. Gladstone once occupied five hours in counting up the 'na'pence.

But when Mr. Bonar Law came to deal with the all-time high in British Budgets—the accounts of 1918—he got through them in about two hours. And in that time he had disposed of £2,972,000,000. Never before or since, not even in the figures presented by Sir John Simon yesterday, have such astronomical figures been submitted.

We were at war, of course. The United Kingdom was then spending

nearly £7,000,000 a day to pay for it. Mr. Gladstone would have been bankrupt in ten days at that rate.

But in 1918 there were no shouts of alarm. We had got past alarm after four years of war. In fact, the whole debate was remarkable for the absence of such justifiable adjectives as "gigantic," "colossal," or "unbearable."

A Luxury Tax Then.

MR. BONAR LAW was quiet and unemotional. All he permitted himself at the outset was the remark that his statement would be on a scale "far exceeding any that has been known at any time or in any country."

Later in his speech he said, "We really must be moderate in the amount we raise by taxation." He explained that he was asking for a mere £774,000,000 on the existing basis of taxation, and he asked the indulgence of the House for proposals to raise another £114,000,000 in new taxes.

He increased the super-tax from 3s. 6d. to 4s. 6d.; doubled the tax on farmers, on spirits (making 5s. a bottle), on beer; put 2d. on tobacco, 1d. on matches, 1½d. on sugar; imposed a luxury tax of 2d. in the 1s.; raised postage from 1d.

to 1½d.; the stamp on cheques from 1d. to 2d.

And he increased the income tax from 6s. to 6s. in the £.

The reception of that news was so remarkable that it is worth quoting:

Mr. Bonar Law: I should have been glad to leave it at 6s., but that is impossible, and I propose to increase the rate and make it 6s. in the £.

Hon. members: Hear, hear, and Not enough!

Mr. Bonar Law: I hope the exclamations I have just heard reflect the general view of income-tax payers.

There was a bit of grumbling, of course, but George Robey had a song about it, and people laughed it off. The war was won that year. One other passage in Bonar Law's statement is worth noting. He said the figures were "an amazing testimony to the financial stability of this country."

Britons have, after all, to thank Gladstone and Hicks-Beach and all the others for that. If they had not looked after the pennies, Sir John Simon could not have been so prodigal with the pounds.

G. M. Murray

The Photographer

How Enlargements Are Made



Enlarging brings out detail you can't see in a small print. Both these prints were made from the same negative. Only part of the negative was used, with surplus background and foreground area masked out. This is another advantage of the enlarging process—you can include just what you want, and omit excess material at the top, bottom, and sides of the picture.

BIG pictures are always better than small ones.

Not only is a large picture more impressive, but also it shows more detail—bringing out features that can hardly be seen at all in the small print.

Therefore, every enthusiastic amateur photographer has his best pictures enlarged—and, usually, looks forward to the time when he can have an enlarger of his own.

Of course, he can always obtain excellent enlargements from his photo-finisher—but the genuine hobbyist likes the thrill of experimenting, and making big prints himself.

With a modern precision-built enlarger, it is easy to produce enlargements.

In some respects, it's easier than contact printing.

The film negative is simply slipped into a carrier, which fits a slot in the enlarger lamp house.

When the lamp is turned on, an enlarged image is projected on a paper holder below the enlarger lens.

You slip a sheet of sensitized paper into the paper holder—make

the exposure—then develop the paper as you would a contact print.

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By moving the enlarger head up and down, you can make prints any size up to the limitations of the enlarger.

In some enlargers, the head can also be swung to a horizontal position, so that huge prints may be projected on a nearby wall.

One type of precision enlarger is designed so that it can also be used as a camera, for taking pictures.

The great advantage of enlarging, in addition to big prints, is that you can try special effects.

For example, by a simple process known as "dodging," you can hold back certain parts of the image and give more exposure to other parts.

Thus you can bring out detail (or subdue it) wherever you wish. Too, you can make diffused prints, combination prints, prints with special textures—all sorts of novel effects.

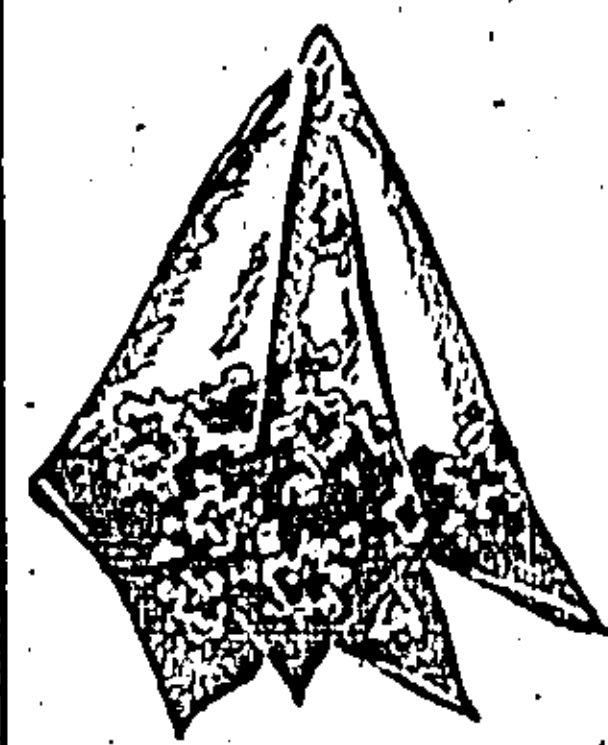
Of course, for fun in photography, you don't have to have an enlarger, or even make your own contact prints. Millions of amateurs don't. But for the real enthusiast, enlarging adds interest and value to the camera hobby.

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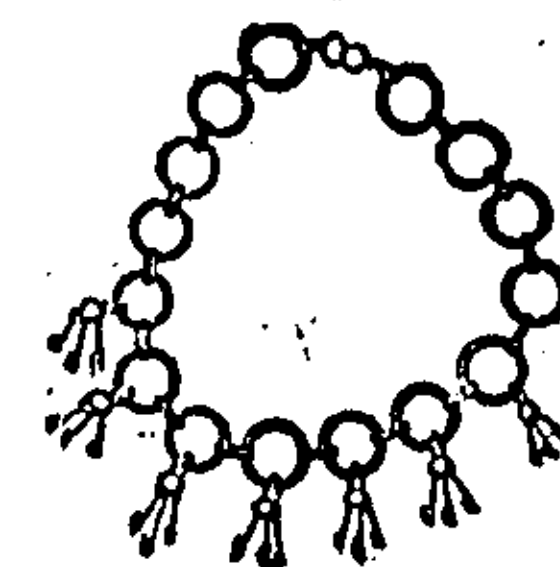


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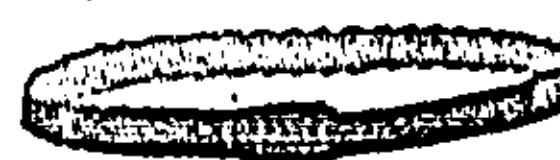
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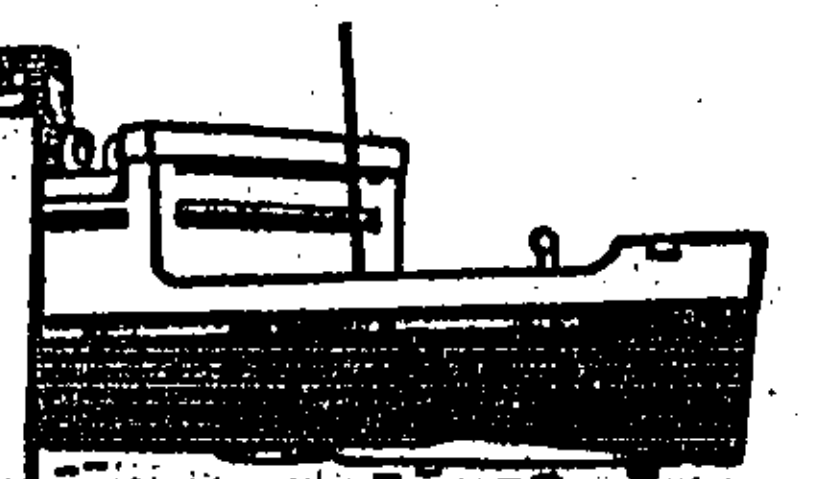
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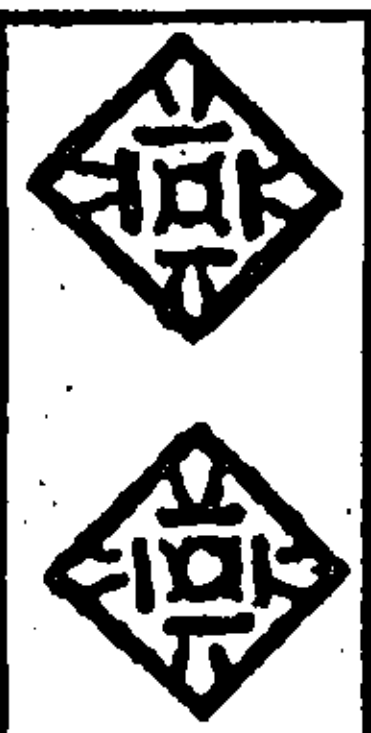
Spotting the Rank

LIEUTENANT

The duties of a Lieutenant generally consist of assisting the Company Commander; in the infantry he commands a platoon and in the artillery a section of two guns.

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Sir Neville Henderson

INSTALLMENT—4

After "friendship talks" comes disillusion...

You have read how Sir Neville—British Ambassador in Berlin up to the outbreak of war—renewed his effort to arrange a friendly visit to Britain by the German Foreign Minister...

And how Hitler coolly rebuffed the proposal. Then—

MR. CHAMBERLAIN made a second attempt in the course of the year 1937 to break the ice of bad relations with the Nazi Government.

Arrangements had been made by General Goering, as Game Warden of The Reich, to hold a great hunting exhibition at Berlin in November. When I arrived at my post in May, I found that almost every European country was to be represented at this exhibition, except Great Britain.

It seemed to me unfortunate that we should not participate. I consequently appealed to the Foreign Office for help in securing a contribution from H.M. Government, even at that late hour, for this purpose.

Thanks to their good offices a small sum was forthcoming, and a highly satisfactory collection was arranged.

Secret behind Halifax visit

It is perhaps not out of place to mention here that in the final adjudication Poland received the first prize for the European section, and Britain the first prize for its overseas collection.

But the exhibition chiefly merits mention in this record owing to the fact that it furnished Lord Halifax, at that time Lord President of the Council, with the opportunity for a visit to Berlin.

It is true that in accordance with diplomatic tradition, albeit also in order to avoid exciting exaggerated hopes in some quarters and apprehension in others, the visit was described as entirely private and unofficial, and the Lord President's status as a Master of Foxhounds was accordingly carefully stressed.

But the fact remained that it was designed by Mr. Chamberlain to establish a personal contact between a prominent British statesman and the Nazi leaders which Hitler was believed to seek, and which, it was hoped, might lead to a better understanding.

As such and taken by itself, it was entirely successful and, had a better understanding been possible or really wanted by Hitler, the visit would have largely contributed to it.

Goebbels behaved well

Lord Halifax, on arrival with Baron and Baroness von Neurath, who were old acquaintances, and spent his first afternoon visiting the Exhibition of which, indeed, he was in German eyes one of the principal exhibits.

His passage through the dense throngs of people was certainly greeted by the public with evident sympathy and pleasure.

He paid it a second visit on the next day, and in the evening he went by train to Berchtesgaden, where he had a long conversation with Hitler.

He returned to Berlin on the morning of the 20th and lunched with General Goering at Karinhall. That evening I gave a big dinner party at His Majesty's Embassy at which he met most of the other leading Nazi Ministers and personalities.

On the following day (Sunday), Dr. Goebbels and his wife came to

GERMAN ARMS: MY SECRET WARNING



Lord Halifax at the Berlin hunting exhibition. "In German eyes he was one of the principal exhibits."

ten at the Embassy. While my sister, Lady Lettice, and Lady Alexandra Maclellan, who were staying with me at the time, entertained Frau Goebbels, I acted as interpreter between Lord Halifax and Dr. Goebbels.

The subject of our conversation was the Peace of our two countries, and for a while thereafter there was less friction in this respect. Nor can I refrain from observing that the reasonableness and logic, which Dr. Goebbels always displayed in private, seemed to make, in spite of his reputation, quite a good impression upon Lord Halifax.

The Lord President left that evening for London. His time during his five days' visit to Germany had been fully occupied, and the general effect was up to a point undoubtedly good.

Hitler cannot but have been—and in fact, as I heard, was—impressed by the obvious sincerity, high principles and straightforward honesty of a man like Lord Halifax.

The general German public regarded the visit as a proof of British goodwill towards Germany and were clearly appreciative. Nevertheless, the official German tendency was to sit back and wait.

As Goering said to me after the visit, "Does the Prime Minister really mean business, and will he be able to impose his will upon those circles in England which seek to negotiate everything which is Nazi, or which is not run on the old lines of the League of Nations, French enlightenment, collective security, and Russia as the counterpoise to Germany in Europe?"

That was the orthodox view in Germany at that time of British policy, but the fact was that, in spite of all his professions of a desire for an understanding with Britain, Hitler was himself in no hurry.

He was astute enough to realise that he had first to cross the Austrian and other brooks. He was not prepared to sacrifice his Central European ambitions to that understanding.

Good relations with England only meant, for him, the acquiescence of England in his schemes for the redrawing of the Central European map.

His professions cost him nothing and were a valuable part of his stock in trade for deluding the German people, who, in the mass, really did want to be friends with the English.

It was the pater of the conjurer intended to mislead his audience and distract their attention.

And, indeed, up to March 15, 1939, however prepared one might be for the worst, it was still possible to hope that Hitler might be sincere; that he meant—

even approximately what he said; that he would, in fact, be satisfied once the unity of Great Germany was consummated; that all he wanted was Germany; and that once he had got the Austrian and Sudeten sheep into the German fold, he would leave other nations alone and content himself with peaceful occupations and pursuits.

Provided one is prepared for the worst, one can and must always hope for the best, until the worst happens.

Air Force: Alarming signs

Peace was my goal, and I could not honestly work for it if I acted on the assumption that, whatever occurred or whatever one did, the end would always and inevitably be the worst.

My job was not to prophesy the worst, but to do my utmost to prevent it happening.

In the annual report on Germany, which I wrote for the year 1937, one passage ran as follows:

"The rearmament of Germany, if it has been less longer news, has been pushed on with the same energy as in previous years."

"In the army, consolidation has been the order of the day, but there is clear evidence that a considerable increase is being prepared in the number of divisions and of additional tank units outside those divisions."

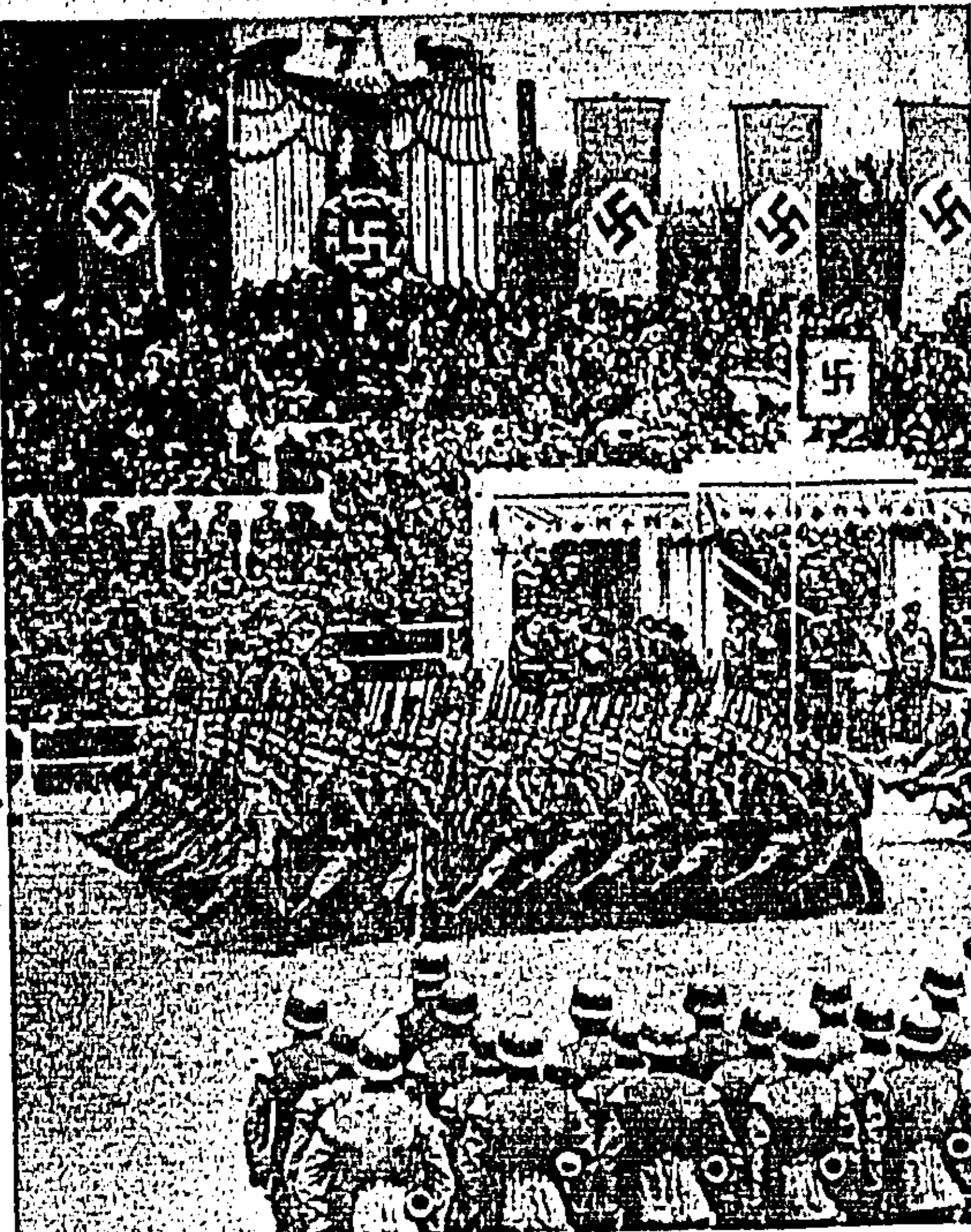
"The air force continues to expand at an alarming rate, and one can at present see no indication of a halt. We may well soon be faced with a strength of between 4,000 and 5,000 first-line aircraft."

"The power of the German Air Force has been still further increased by the intensive development of air defence, which has reached a degree of efficiency previously unknown in any other country."

"Even the navy, though well within the 35 per cent. proportion has been pushed on with the same energy as in previous years."

"Finally, the mobilisation of the civilian population and industry for war, by means of education, propaganda, training and administrative measures, has made further strides."

"Military efficiency is the goal to whom everyone must offer sacrifice. It is not an army but



"The German army and air force were super-toys, and Hitler was determined to find... or make an occasion for proving what a formidable super-toy maker he was."

the whole German nation which is being prepared for war."

In the light of that paragraph written in the course of the first week of January, 1939, it seems astonishing that one should have managed to preserve at the time any shred of optimism.

It was, however, still possible to conceive that Hitler was acting solely on the principle for war."

"Wild Men" wanted action

I never had a shadow of doubt that his aims were the incorporation of Austria, the Sudetenlands, Memel and Danzig. His claims in these respects were based on the principle of self-determination, and a negotiated settlement in regard to them should not therefore have been impossible.

Even Hitler's emotion over dead Germans in connection with the Hindenburg and Deutschland disasters encouraged the illusion that he might recoil from a war in which such misfortunes would be magnified a hundred thousand fold.

Time, which alone could do so, has proved the falsity of these hopes. Hitler and his wild men were not to be satisfied by a mere display of force to achieve their ends.

If one makes a toy, the wish to play with it becomes irresistible. And the German army and air force were super-toys, and Hitler was determined to find... or make an occasion for proving, regardless of the cost to Germany and to the world, what a formidable super-toy maker he was.

As for Hitler's emotion over dead Germans, it was undoubtedly sincere at the moment that he expressed it, and, in fact, corresponded with a certain sentimental streak in his character.

But it was a typical streak of his two-sided nature, which he could assume or discard at will.

It was the same with his indignation over oppressed Germans in other countries (not over those—be it noted—in the concentration camps in his own country).

So long as good relations with Poland were necessary to his policy, he evinced no sympathy for the German minority in that country.

German lives will be sacrificed

In order to ensure Italy's goodwill, he proved that he was quite ready to sacrifice the Germans in the South Tyrol, though possibly with the idea of sending them back again there later.

Since the war began he has authorised the infliction of untold hardships on the Baltic Germans, simply in order to oil the wheels of his present Russian policy.

On the other hand, when sentimentality served his immediate purpose, as in the case of the pro-Nazi in Austria, the Sudeten in Czechoslovakia or the German minority in Poland, he was able equally easily to work himself up into a frenzy on their behalf.

As with the oppressed, so it was with dead Germans.

He had publicly announced that he reckoned on heavy German losses if there was war with Poland. Yet that did not deter him from conceiving and carrying out his Polish campaign.

Similarly, there can, I think, be little doubt that he will sacrifice without a tremor countless thousands of lives on the Western Front if he believes that by so doing he will succeed in glorifying himself and in maintaining his own position and that of his party in Germany.

I have alluded to my mission to Berlin as a Drama. The year 1937 constituted its orchestral over-

ture, of which the Wagnerian leit-motifs were the disciplined tramp of armed men, ever louder and more multitudinous, and the ceaseless clank of heavy machinery forging guns and yet bigger guns, tanks and ever heavier tanks, bombers and still more powerful and destructive bombers.

It was a sombre introduction to the four-act tragedy which was to follow.

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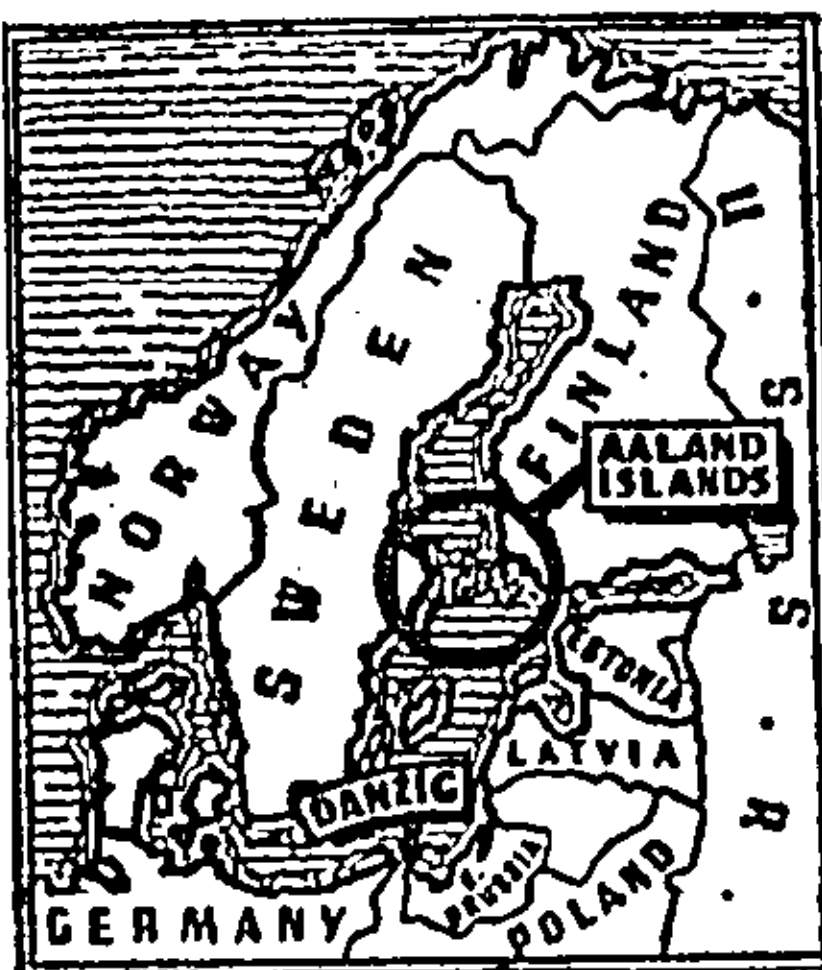
AMSTERDAM, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—Sweden is a prominent subject in the War Councils which are held daily in Hitler's Chancellery. "Reuter" learns.

But in the officially inspired newspaper campaign against the Swedish press and radio, there is no indication yet of the lines which events will develop.

In reply to her protest yesterday, Sweden was today politely but vaguely told that German planes had "not violated her neutrality on purpose."

Quietly Shelved

Neutral circles observe that the question will be quietly shelved. Thus no explanation will be offered even for the landing of two Nazi planes on the fortified island of Got-



land, Stockholm's first line of defence from the sea and which is hundreds of miles from German or Norwegian territory.

Meanwhile it is rumoured that the Danish island of Bornholm, from which Nazi planes could reach the Swedish naval base of Karlskrona in little more than ten minutes' flying time, is a hive of military and aerial activity.

It is feared that the Aaland Islands, which are jointly administered by Sweden and Finland, may be an early objective.

STOCK EXCHANGE REMAINS FIRM

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, gilded securities and Kaffirs were strong owing to the market's view that they will stand to benefit from the Budget.

Industrialists were hesitant owing to difficulties of re-adjusting values following the limitation of dividends together with the prohibition of scrip bonus issues during war-time.

The P. and O. are maintaining an interim dividend of two per cent. on deferred stock.

Wall Street was narrowly irregular.

BEF STILL LANDING

Big Army Concentrates Around Trondheim

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).

The strength of the Allied forces in the Trondheim region is increasing daily as the troops are landing at Namsos and Andalsnas and proceeding inland. German air activity continues with intensity but it is known that the Nazis have lost many planes.

Hold Strategic Railway

The Allies are now in control of the railway south of Trondheim to Lillehammer. This is of highly strategic importance since it cuts off one route by which the Germans at Trondheim might have been reinforced.

While the troops at Trondheim may hold out for some time their ultimate position is regarded as hopeless if they have to rely entirely on aerial aid from the south.

CHAMBERLAIN'S ASSURANCE

Will Go To Aid Of All Attacked Neutrals

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Neville Chamberlain was asked if he would give an assurance that in the event of further aggression against neutral European states, the overseas possessions of such States would not be permitted to be used as bases for enemy action.

Mr. Chamberlain replied: "In the hypothetical circumstances referred to, such action would be taken as the interests of Allied security required."

Dutch Army Leave Restrictions

THE HAGUE, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—Dutch Army leave on a more restricted scale than previously will be put into force after Saturday.

PRESS COMMENT

May Have To Transfer War To Sweden

Allies' Prospects In Norway

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—The Göteborg "Morgon Post" says: "The arrival of the English has greatly strengthened morale. If the Norwegians can resist for a short time, increasing English forces could destroy the isolated Germans at Trondelagen."

"We have been cut off by the German occupation of Norway and Denmark. If the English can win in Norway, the barrier falls, but we must be prepared to transfer the war to Sweden."

Hitlerism Is Bolshevism

The New York "World Telegram" says: "The obvious truth is that Hitlerism is Bolshevism—a revolution against capitalism, against the possession and against the very life of all nations which, like this one, prefer democracy and freedom. The British and French are fighting for the same things that Americans would fight for."

The "Minneapolis Journal" says: "After the World War, Norway, Sweden and Denmark came to the rescue by taking thousands of German children in their homes, feeding them bountifully and lodging them. Some months before war broke out in 1939, the Hitler Government sponsored large-scale parties of young men who had spent part of their childhood in 1919 and 1920 in Scandinavian countries, on visits to their former hosts to renew the ties with them and also to brush up the language."

Diabolical Plot

"This diabolical plot was not suspected by the trusting Scandinavians." The Brussels paper, "Gazette de Charleroi," remarks on the change of tone in the Italian Press and says: "This return to a more healthy conception of Scandinavian events can be attributed in part to the real and effective Allied reply. The hour will soon strike when Italy must choose."

FOOD SHORTAGE IN NORWAY

OSLO, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—The radio here, which is controlled by the Germans, says that there is a shortage of potatoes and eggs in German occupied areas.

Cabbages and fodder are also very scarce. Oslo is suffering from a serious shortage of wood which was the chief material used for heating.

The radio announced, appealed to all farmers to bring in more supplies to the towns.

WESTERN FRONT

Patrols Are Successful

Latest Activity On Western Front

PARIS, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—A communiqué issued to-day says that two patrol encounters east of the Moselle turned to our advantage.

During the night of April 22-23, our aircraft made many long-distance reconnaissances, penetrating many hundreds of kilometres over enemy territory. They flew over the Prague region.

An enemy reconnaissance plane was brought down within our territory on the evening of April 23.

Hitler's Big Norway Bluff

Gambling Adventure Ends In Failure

LONDON, Apr. 24 (British Wireless).—In a letter to the "Times," Sir Archibald Hurd, the well-known naval authority, comments on the significance of the German adventure in Scandinavia as a gamble undertaken in the belief that short range use of air power could neutralise a locally superior sea power.

Germany's gross misrepresentations of the sinking of British ships, he says, are intended to mislead neutral opinion for a sufficient time to enable Germany to reap the benefit of her bluff.

Trying To Convince Italy

Sir Archibald Hurd continues: "In particular, it was hoped to convince Italy, which is interested in the circumscribed areas of the Mediterranean, that bombing aeroplanes, supported by a relatively small fleet, can gain the command of those waters. We may be assured from what has already happened in Norwegian waters and on land that a superior sea power with the aid of an enterprising Fleet Air Arm and the daring pilots of the R.A.F. will dispel such illusions."

"I suggest that, except as an extension of the power of active navies and armies, the aeroplane is merely an instrument of terror and destruction, and cannot achieve decisive results in adequately defended countries."

THE SHIPS THAT SWEEP THE SEA

(Continued from Page 6.)

How eager the men are for service is seen by the ready response made to the recent Admiralty appeal. Practically the entire man power of the drifter-fleets volunteered.

Bolt them a gun—any sort of a gun—in the bows, and we're ready for off; a little more proudly, perhaps, than usual because of the dinky White Ensign astern. It is something to them to be King's men again, though they never remember having left off being men fighting for King and country, since even a King and country must be fed.

God speed our drifters! Drake learnt his trade amongst their ancestors; and a lot of Drake's indomitable spirit still survives in the Trade.

92 SHIPS IN THE CONTROL BASES

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—On Tuesday 92 ships were in British contraband control bases in the United Kingdom.

Of these, 37 had been brought or detained by order of the Ministry of Economic Warfare.

This was done in view of the situation in Norway and Denmark. The total includes nine Danish ships.

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Ministry Of Information's New Task

Sir Walter Monckton As Deputy Chief

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).

In the House of Commons today, Mr. Chamberlain announced that Sir Walter Monckton has been appointed to be Deputy Director-General of the Ministry of Information.

Up to the present, Sir Walter has been Director General of Press Censorship.

He will also be additional Deputy Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

The changes will take effect immediately.

New Functions

Mr. Chamberlain said that in the light of experience it had been decided that the Ministry of Information should resume the functions at present performed by the Press and Censorship Bureau.

In order to strengthen the liaison between the Service departments and the Ministry, and to ensure that the Ministry's point of view is adequately presented, the number of Senior Service officers attached to the Ministry is being increased and representatives of the Ministry are being attached to Service departments.

Mr. Chamberlain explained that Sir Walter Monckton's appointment to be Deputy Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs was in order to provide the necessary collaboration between the foreign division of the Ministry, which is responsible for publicity in neutral countries, and the Department of Enemy Propaganda under the Foreign Office.

The Department of Postal and Telegraphic Censorship, formerly under the War Office, is being transferred to the Ministry of Information.

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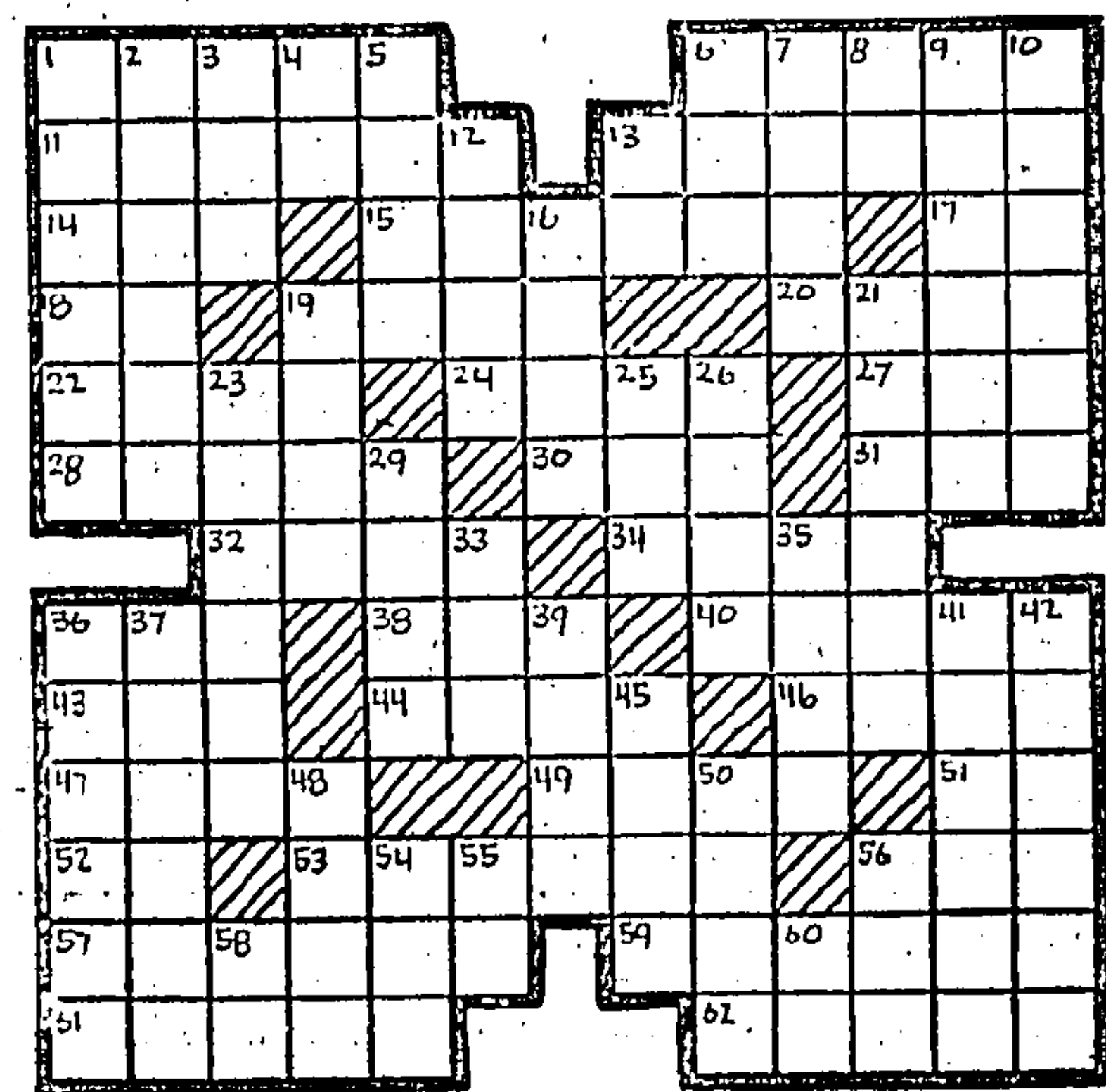
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ACROSS
1—Indian warrior
2—Separated
3—Hydrophobia
4—Name of great war
5—European fish
6—Dance
7—Chilly (abbr.)
8—Pretzel twice
9—Son of Jesus
10—Use in thirteen
11—Left looking south
12—Network
13—Never
14—Meadow
15—One against
16—Town in Hungary
17—Self (Scottish)
18—Intelligence
19—Animal
20—Afternoon meal
21—Old
22—One of Zeus's sons
23—Direct "n"
24—Ancestor of Irish
25—Painful look
26—Various witching
27—Life's work
28—Punishing rod

DOWN
1—Lincoln
2—Violent (dim.)
3—Long dance
4—City in Italy
5—Rat
6—Cross royalty
7—Having tall
8—British coal area
9—(abbr.)
10—Single combat
11—British school
12—Classification
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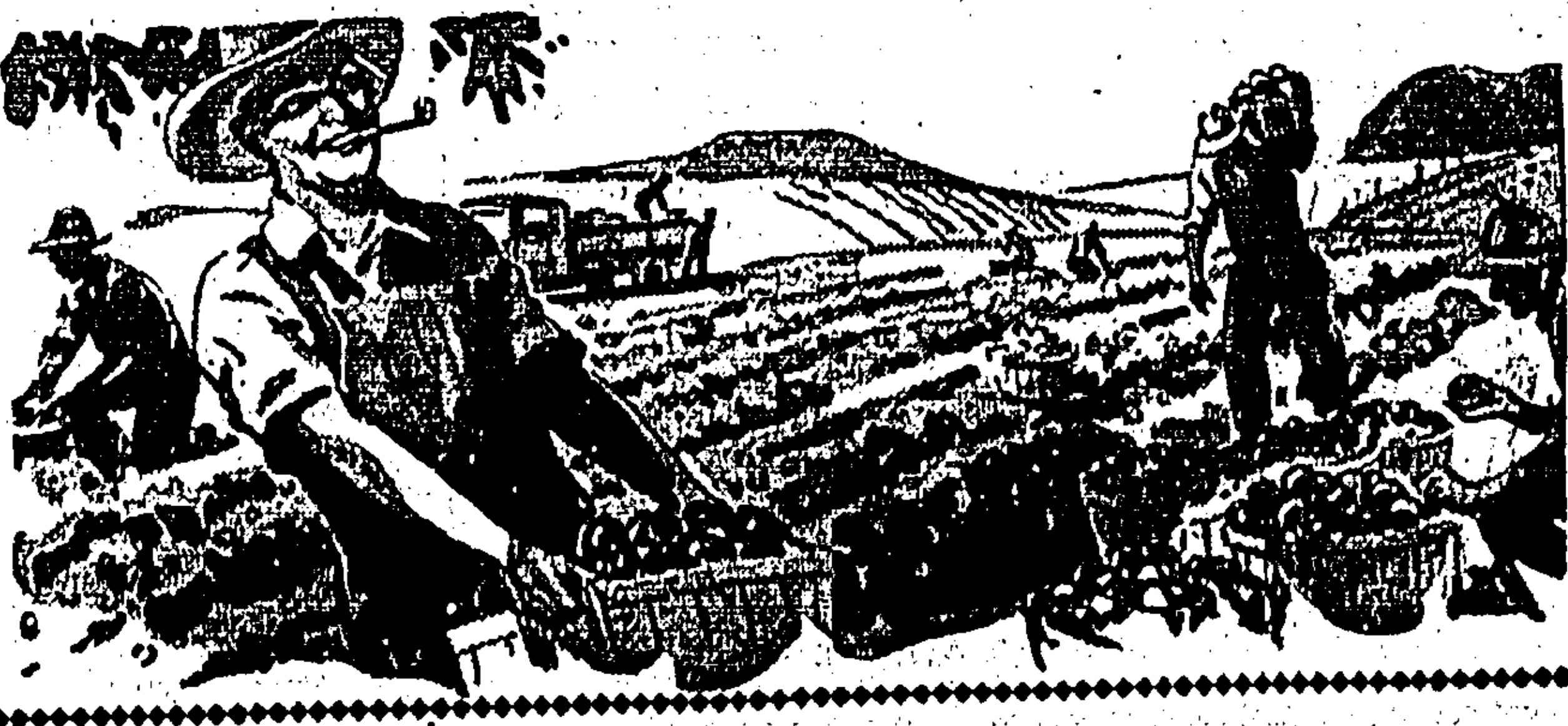


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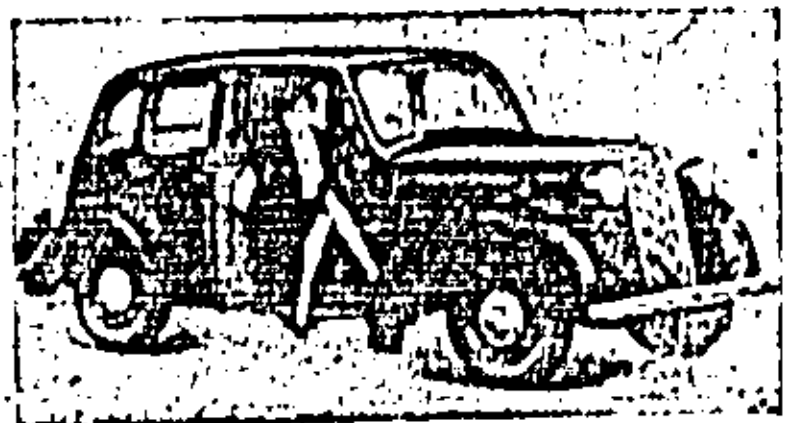
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Anzac Day

COLOUR was lent to the celebration of the 25th anniversary of Anzac Day in Hongkong this morning by the presence at the Cenotaph of a large number of young Australian naval personnel who, since the outbreak of war, have been attached to the China Squadron.

The presence of these Australians in the Far East is no secret; they were, indeed, the first Australians to proceed overseas in the war against Nazism and would, no doubt, give as good an account of themselves if the occasion arose as did their fathers on the famous slopes of Gallipoli a quarter of a century ago.

It was not only the sons of the Anzacs who attended the simple ceremony at the Cenotaph this morning. Among the many people who participated in or were spectators of the wreath-laying ceremonies were no small number who were actual participants in the Gallipoli Landing.

You saw them in the uniforms of the British Army and the British Navy; a trifle grey, now, around the temples, but still ready to jump into the same maelstrom of fire in defence of the Empire they love.

You saw them, too, in civilian clothes, members of the small family of Hongkong residents who recalled, as the bugles sounded at 11 a.m., the hail of death that greeted them as they plunged ashore on April 25, 1915.

They are the men who have attended every Anzac Day observance in Hongkong, for they choose this day in which to pay homage, during the two minutes Silence, to those of their comrades who did not participate in the Evacuation.

Hongkong is proud to join with these Anzac and English veterans of Gallipoli in our midst in welcoming to this Colony the sturdy young men who, in joining the Royal Navy units on the China Station at the outbreak of war last September, were the vanguard of the expeditionary forces which both Australia and New Zealand have already sent overseas in response to the call of the Motherland.

Soldiers of Australia, soldiers of New Zealand are already in the Near East, ready to guard the vital lands and communications in what may yet well become the major battlefield of the war.

On the safe defence of the Middle and Near East against totalitarian attack may well depend the survival of the free Dominions, of Colonies such as Hongkong, as well as of the Motherland.

Nothing should make the peoples of this mighty Empire rejoice more than the quick decision of the Dominions to give not merely moral, but practical, help in the present mortal struggle.

If the spectacle of mass cruelty and oppression and lies in Nazified Europe appals you, remember the free British nations that stand without. Remember Socialist New Zealand, which has turned unanimously from the building up of a great social experiment to the grimmer job of defending the hard-won right of free-nations to exist at all.

When you remember that—and remember too the heroic achievements of the Anzacs twenty-five years ago to-day—you will feel no doubt at all about the issue of the present war.

TO-DAY is the 25th ANNIVERSARY of the GALLIPOLI LANDING

The STORY of the ANZACS

TWENTY-FIVE years ago a Tommy was sitting beside the Suez Canal, watching one great transport after another steam slowly by. Puzzled by the unusual uniforms of the troops, he sang out: "What are you?"

Across the water there rolled out the chorus ANZACS. The word had just been coined from the letters of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps, for the first mixed Corps from the Antipodes to enter a theatre of war this side of the globe.

In the last war the German ruler Emden missed the convoy of Anzacs which comprised 30 transports and 30,000 men—by only 52 miles as she and they steamed across the Indian Ocean with lights out. Then H.M.A.S. Sydney fought, smashed and beached the German.

The A.I.F. numbered roughly 20,000 Diggers (slang for gold-miners who dig gold from the ground but adopted to describe the Aussie soldier in general) in the first convoy. Then Australia had a population of only 4,750,000, yet by the end of the war she had sent armies overseas which totalled 320,883 men.

The Commonwealth lost 59,342 dead and 160,019 Diggers were wounded. The war cost the Dominion £439,000,000.

The first contingent of Anzacs in the last war included 10,000 New Zealanders. Then their country contained only a million people, but 98,950 soldiers were sent to assist Britain. They lost 16,950 killed and at the Armistice there were 52,000 troops in the field with 10,000 waiting to join them or in training.

Anzacs served last time on battlefields which ranged from the bitter cold of the North Russian coast to the steamy jungles of the Pacific Islands. But above all they covered themselves with glory in their baptism of fire. When they rushed the Turkish defences at Gallipoli on that bloody dawn of April 25, 1915, they established their prowess as assault troops.

Australians won the Victoria Cross, 175 Distinguished Conduct Medals and 1,032 decorations by 12 foreign countries.

The first V.C. was Lance-Corporal Jacka. Defending Courtney's Post on Gallipoli, his four mates were killed and the post was rushed by seven Turks. Jacka attacked, bayoneted five of them and then he bayoneted the remaining two. New Diggers are still proud to refer to themselves as "Jacka's Mob."

The record of the New Zealanders is as brilliant. Ten per cent. of the male population served in khaki.

The early history of New Zealand troops is bound up with that of the Australian with whom they were brigaded. The occupation of Samoa was, however, an "all-New Zealand show," and the New Zealand division played its full part in the defence of the Suez Canal and the historic landing on Gallipoli.

As a separate unit in France, the N.Z. Division took part in all the bitter fighting after the 1917 Flanders offensive and earned the highest praise from General Birdwood.

Now the new set-up of the Second German War is, curiously, bringing Anzacs to meet the old job craft. Smaller and even handier than the deep-sea fishing boats, they come in useful when something new and vicious, such as the new enemy mines, demands attention.

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But not all send-offs were quite so gay and joyous. The old nith was not. It was a mistake, of course, for someone had blundered. Queensland's crack artillery brigade had been transferred to Sydney. We had a triumphal entry and for our street march the city's tramway service was suspended and all other traffic deflected from the line of march. Crowds blocked the streets surrounding Central Station, and all along the circuitous route to Marston Road Barracks. We were the first troops to billet in the new brick buildings.

Nothing could have been finer. For 90 days we lived in Sydney and made many friends. For 90 nights, no, 89 nights, we made whoopee, for the 90th night was a mournful fiasco.

THE 90th night in Sydney was our last before embarking for Egypt, and by any estimation should have been our best. Our last parade took the usual form. We were addressed by the church, medical profession, and high military command. A most earnest person exhorted us not to forget our prayers. A medical officer warned us that we were going to a tropical country where customs would be strange. He implored us to be discreet in all things, and never fail to boil water before drinking it. The military man, zealous in homages, did not say much. But we understood that we were to play the game. He quoted "King's Rules and Regs" until we quaked.

We shook hands with several governors—from prisons as well as States—were introduced collectively to our medical officer, and numerous staff johnnies, and all members for petty indiscretions were granted freedom. This last, we understood the high command to say, was something new in the annals of His Majesty's Forces.

It was usual for embarking troops to have a temporary freedom of the city. On dismissal from our last parade in Australia we smartly turned right, saluted, cheered uproariously and bolted to dress. Within half an hour the

barracks was deserted and the troops were ranging far and wide over Sydney. All had dates to keep and places to go.

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By CAPTAIN FRANK H. SHAW

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We were "washed down" from stern to stern; we cork-screwed, tied knots in our tails; the engines raced as it determined to twist off the screw. But we shot the drifts and made a good haul despite the weather.

That same drifter is now under Admiralty orders, and I shall be sorry for the mines, magnetic or not, that come its way.

Used to handling incredible lengths of net, these drifters are ideal for sweeping the menacing sea. It is nothing to them to shoot a couple of miles of surface net and drift slowly and snugly to leeward to the slight push of their hoisted mizzen throughout a whole night, with white water swirling their decks for a proper "old Neptune's washdown."

Catching the Mines

Hitler's secret weapon? The drifters are its counter—a pretty safe shield against wanton murder. Shallow-drafted as they are they can pass over most of the explosive horrors; but the dipped nets will snare the mines. If the taunted nets explode the mines—what of it? Better a hatched net than a sunken ship—us likely as not holding innocent women and children!

Enemy craft are attempting to check the drifters' activities; but they will fail because there is no power out of Heaven that can deter a North Sea drifterman when he is set on a job.

A torpedo will pass under the drifters' keels. They are small targets for gunfire. Enemy aircraft have made poor bombing practice at

much bigger ships; they won't find lurking, tiny drifters good targets for their righteousness. And if the Admiralty sees fit to arm them with, say, a high-angled pom-pom, the fisherfolk, who are not in the least afraid of death, will fight their tiny ships to the last.

Indeed, after fighting endless rounds with the choking death of the peace-time sea, the other sort of fish—swift and unexpected—may seem to hard-bitten men something, in the nature of a mercy.

During my recent trip, remembering my varied experiences with the breed in the last war, I asked my skipper, who had seen that show through from start to finish, what he would do in the event of war.

"Spitchee as many of the swine as I can," was his reply. "I've been thinkin' it out for twenty years."

He elaborated. He knew the underwater geography of the North Sea rather better than that of its surface. He knew the gullies where deep water would permit the travel of submarines, and he had them all chartered in his mind. He knew the cross-currents, the scour of a tide in a sou'-westerly wind.

"They'll try to follow them tracks," he declared. "We have 'em taped—all of 'em."

And the up-to-date result of our anti-submarine campaign seems to bear out his boast. German submarines cannot possibly win against that traditional acumen and fearlessness.

Like Fish.

"They be'aves much like fish," said my skipper. "Well, we reckon to think like fish ourselves." And he winked emphatically.

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BESIEGED NAZI FORCE SURRENDERS TO ALLIES

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In about the clearest of the many reports received from frontier regions. On Tuesday night, the War Office said that this resulted from a German counter-attack. The Germans themselves say that the engagement lasted for two hours.

Operations in this sector seem to be along the road and railway from Namsos where the Allied troops have landed.

Yesterday the Nazis claimed to have captured Steinkjer but the Allies have since twice been reported to have recaptured this town.

Seek Control Of Road

Frontier reports say that fighting for control of the road is still in progress.

The Germans are trying to strike north through two valleys running parallel to the coast. Gudbrandsdal seems to be completely in Allied hands within a few miles of Hamar.

Here the Allies are reported to be sending a steady stream of reinforcements advance guards who came to the assistance of the Norwegians at Lillehammer.

Nazis Making Progress

Further west through another valley the German troops are trying to reach a beleaguered garrison at Trondheim.

The Nazis seem to be making some progress.

The Norwegians are resisting stoutly.

It is expected that the Allied troops moving across the country will attack the German troops.

The Germans may still find themselves cut off from Trondheim by the Allied troops advancing from Storöen, which is immediately south of the besieged port.

German Counter Attack

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—A War Office communique says that in the Trondheim area the counter-attack referred to in yesterday's communique was delivered by a considerable number of German troops landed from ships within Trondheim Fjord.

After some sharp fighting, our troops succeeded in re-establishing the situation.

There is nothing further to report about operations elsewhere.

Norwegians Hold Ridge

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—A correspondent of the "Aften Bladet" at Trondheim, north east of Oslo, says that the Norwegians are holding a ridge near the Swedish frontier.

Their resistance surprised the Germans, who expected slight resistance.

One energetic volunteer officer inspired the men.

The correspondent says that 200 Germans have been killed in this sector since yesterday.

Nazis Advancing

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—Latest newspaper reports state that the German centre to the north of Oslo has reached the neighbourhood of Koppang, 50 miles to the north of Elverum.

The Allies are rushing troops to meet this advance.

Nazis Take Stenker

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—According to reports received here this afternoon, Stenker is now in German hands, but the Allies hold strong positions six miles north of the town, against which a German offensive is expected.

German planes and German destroyers in Trondheim Fjord made important contributions to the fighting round Stenker. All railway stations north of Stenker were repeatedly attacked from the air, but bridges and tracks are intact as they are situated among steep precipices, making them difficult targets for the German airmen.

Civilians Flee

The civilian population of Stenker have fled to the mountains, where they are reported to be suffering from insufficient clothing and food.

The important railway junction of Storöen, south of Trondheim, is controlled by the Allies and both railways south from Trondheim to Oslo, as well as the line from Fagernes to Oslo, are now in Allied hands.

German airmen are continually bombing Oserdal and Gudbrandsdal.

Dombas is reported to be ablaze and parachute troops have been observed north-east of the town.

Won't Surrender

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 24 (UP).—Although they are apparently reduced to dire straits as a result of the surrender of their battalion at Gratangen, the Germans in Narvik itself still show no signs of surrender.

The fighting at Narvik is continuing without any special vigour on the part of the Allies, whose forces are concentrated at Fagernes and on the slopes of Fagernes Mountain.

The British forces wish to spare Narvik the horror of bombardment, and appear content to wait until the Germans are starved out.

One Battalion Surrenders

The surrender of the German battalion in Gratangen is the first victory achieved by the Norwegians in this sector.

The strategy leading to the capitulation was entirely Norwegian.

The Norwegian troops formed a trap into which they lured the Nazis and then cut off their retreat.

The Germans were reduced to such a state of weakness that they had no choice but to surrender.

Mountaineers Fight Nazis

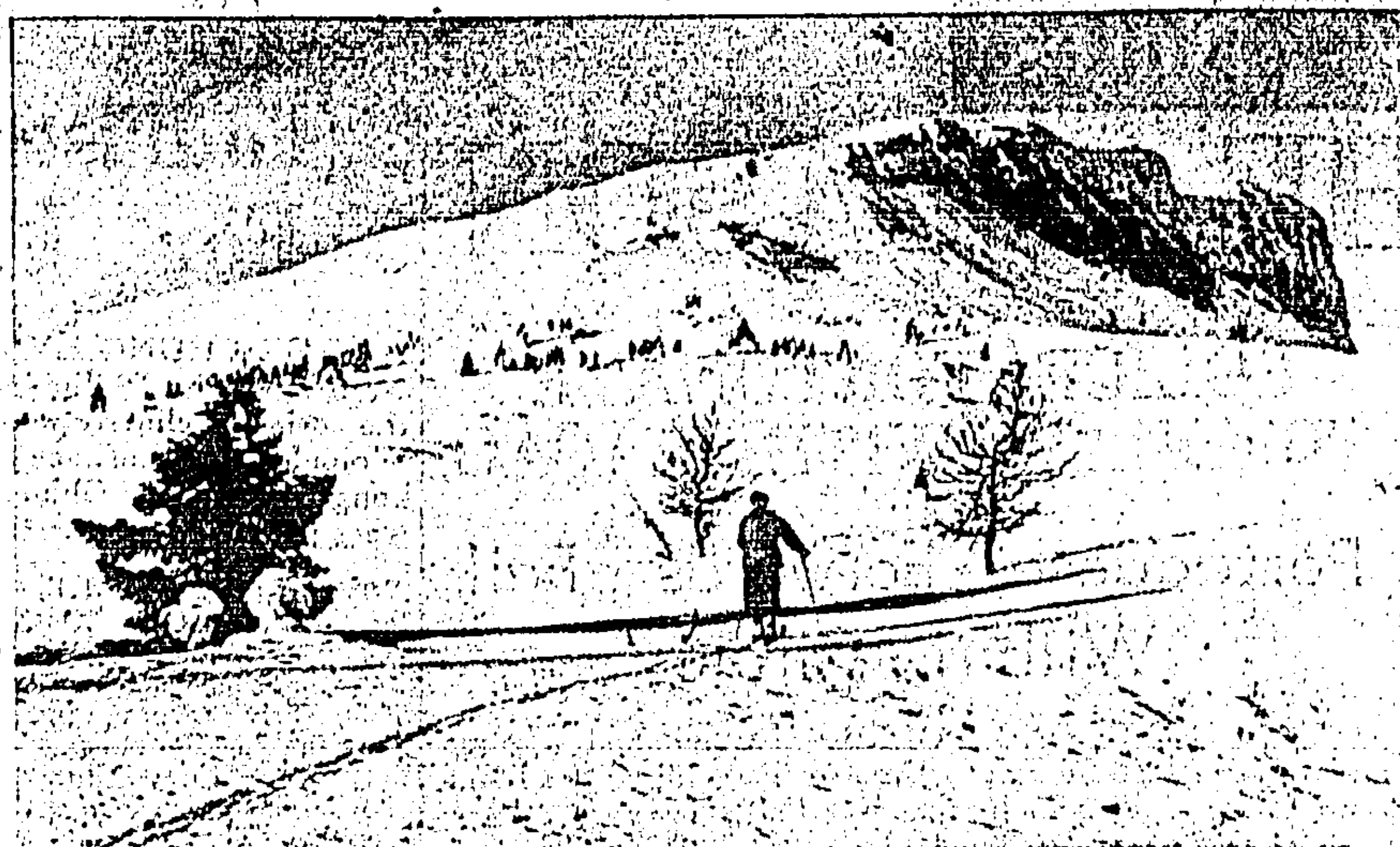
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 24 (UP).—Picked Tyrol mountaineers, Norwegian alpinists, and Canadian forces are opposing the German forces in the snow-clad heights of Rombak.

Steinkjer Laid Low

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 24 (UP).—The frontier correspondent of the Stockholm "Alltidsn" reports that



THIS PHOTOGRAPH illustrates the Arctic conditions under which British and French troops are fighting in Norway, even though winter is over. This photograph was taken ten miles north of Lille Hamar, 5,000 feet above sea level. Lille Hamar, which is near Hamar, was recaptured by the British forces yesterday.

EIGHT MILLION MILES FLOWN

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naval ship has been lost while under air convoy.

Take 20,000 Photographs

No less than 20,000 hours of fishing fleets have been made to protect them against enemy planes and U-boats.

Over 20,000 photographs and reports of ships believed to be German masquerading as neutrals have been made. Eighty attacks have been made against the U-boats and literally hundreds of mines have been located and destroyed.

The record, incidentally, is getting better every day.

RECAPTURE OF KAIFENG CONFIRMED

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resistance at Tsingyikang and Shiochen.

Chinese troops have heavily damaged the Juichang-Yangsin highway, running from north-west Kiangsi into South Hupoh.

The Japanese forced Chinese civilians to repair the road, but they were attacked and dispersed by Chinese regulars.

Three Killed In Durham Explosion

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—Three men were killed, 19 injured and many others slightly hurt as the result of an explosion at the Imperial Chemicals Works at Billingham, on the River Tees, Durham.

An official statement by the firm says that damage to buildings and machinery was slight and that serious interference with production is not anticipated.

Damage Is Slight

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, April 25 (UP).—An explosion in the coal grinding section of the boiler house of the Imperial Chemicals Works at Billingham-on-Tees killed three people today.

Nineteen others received burns.

The damage to the plant is reported to be light and will in no way hamper production.

Spain To Maintain Neutrality

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—"The British Government is convinced that Spain is determined to maintain her neutrality and the neutrality of her possessions," declared Mr. R. A. Butler in the House of Commons today.

This remark was made in answer to a debate on the Anglo-Spanish trade agreement.

PRISON VAN IN COLLISION

A prison van and a car were involved in a slight collision at the junction of Caine Road and Arbutnot Road yesterday. A report was made to the Police by Chan Kuen, driver of the car. Slight damage was done to both vehicles.

DANES ARE NOT ENEMY ALIENS

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—Capt. O. Penke, Under-Secretary of State for Home Affairs, said today that it was not proposed to treat Danes resident in Britain as enemy aliens.

Many of them were anxious to assist Britain in the struggle against aggressive tyranny, of which Denmark has been made a victim.

Steinkjer was completely destroyed by the German bombardment which preceded the entry of the invaders into the city.

British and Norwegian forces, which were greatly outnumbered, retreated from the city in good order.

NEW R.A.F. RAID ON SYLT: NAZI BASES DESTROYED

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One of the British planes detailed for the raid on Fornebu failed to reach its objective.

Just before reaching Oslo the plane sighted two German transports steaming northwards near the mouth of Oslo Fjord.

The plane dropped two salvoes of bombs from an altitude of 2,000 feet and then machine-gunned the decks of the two ships from an altitude of 150 feet.

The remaining machines of the squadrons increased the damage to the Fornebu drome.

In the raids on Denmark, numerous hits were scored on the Aalborg aerodrome, despite heavy anti-aircraft fire.

Only two British machines failed to return during the day.

Continuous Bombardment

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—It is earned that the Westernland aerodrome at Sylt was subjected to an almost continuous bombardment last night.

The bombardment lasted for 100 minutes.

This was the first raid made on this aerodrome.

During a raid on Stavanger aerodrome shortly before dawn about 20 enemy aircraft were heavily bombed and a number are believed to have been destroyed or badly damaged.

High explosive bombs played havoc with the already crater-pitted aerodrome surface.

One raider making a dive bombing attack at low level released a heavy salvo which was seen to burst near the side of the main runway.

A strongly burning fire was reported by one of the returning raiders.

Raiders on Christiansand concentrated on the runways and aerodrome buildings and evaded a barrage put up by ground defences.

They registered many hits.

Of the large force of aircraft employed on last night's widespread operations two failed to return.

Fornebu aerodrome was also heavily bombed.

One aircraft which was detailed to attack Fornebu did not reach its objective as it sighted two enemy ships steaming north near the head of Oslo Fjord.

Two bombs which burst close to the leading vessel and then descended to within 150 feet of the water and machine-gunned the leading ship as it made for the shore.

Full Moon Aids

The fourth successive attack on Aalborg was made in perfect weather. There was a cloudless sky and a full moon.

For the first time no enemy aircraft was seen on the aerodrome but powerful ground defences were alert and the raiders were met by a barrage of fire over the target area and the persistent attentions of a ring of searchlights just outside the aerodrome.

High level bombing attacks were made and many hits were observed on the aerodrome.

The raid on Westernland aerodrome at Sylt was carried out by a large force of long range bombers. One hangar was hit several times and another is believed to be badly damaged. The runways were successfully bombed and fires started on the aerodrome.

The first bomber met only a moderate fire but as the attack developed pom-poms placed round the aerodrome maintained a steady barrage of fire.

War's Greatest Air Armada

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, April 24 (UP).—The British raids on Sylt, Denmark and Norway today were carried out by what was probably the greatest armada of warplanes ever to take to the sky for actual bombing operations.

It is unofficially estimated that at least 100 British machines participated in the raid on Sylt alone.

The Air Ministry admits that the raid on the Westernland base was carried out by a large force of long-range bombers.

One hangar in the aerodrome was hit several times and another is believed to have been badly damaged by a bomb which fell between it and the runway.

The southwest corner of the triangle of runways was also pockmarked with bomb craters.

Incendiary Bombs

Fires were started in various buildings in the aerodrome by incendiary bombs.

When the attack started night operations were apparently being

Who's Taking Pleasures Sadly Now?

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—The Berlin Radio has announced that pleasure trips must be completely stopped and that journeys to watering places and spas are only permissible in cases of extreme urgency owing to the "tremendous task of the German railways."

Colony Ships Requisitioned

Fleet Taken Over By Shipping Ministry

The entire fleet of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company Ltd., Yangtze River vessels excepted, is to be requisitioned by the Ministry of Shipping on May 1.

This information was made available in Hongkong this morning.

It is understood that the Ministry of Shipping will decide rates of charter hire later.

No further information is at present available.

135 Danish Ships Held

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LONDON, April 24 (UP).—Since the German invasion of Denmark 135 ships totalling between 50,000 and 60,000 tons have been detained at British ports throughout the Empire.

British intends to use the Danish ships for the duration of the war, after which they will be returned to Denmark.

The Danish merchant fleet totals approximately 725 vessels with a total tonnage of 1,150,000 gross.

Fatal Accident In Kowloon

The body of a small boy, Lai Ku, of 181 Apiti Street, was sent to the Kowloon Public Mortuary yesterday.

He was knocked down and killed by a lorry at Keeling Street near Nanchang Street.

Carried out by the enemy, because one of the R.A.F. pilots reported lights in the hangars and flares around the boundary of the aerodrome.

These were extinguished as the British machines neared their objective.

Waterland was approached from various directions. There is no doubt but that this method of attack took the enemy by surprise, for the first bomber to reach its objective encountered only moderate A.A. fire.

Opposition Increases

The opposition increased in intensity, however, as the attack developed, and pom-pom guns around the aerodrome were soon maintaining a constant barrage.

While these raids were in progress, other R.A.F. bombers of the same command were carrying out the customary security patrol over the North Sea.

One of the planes patrolling in the Heligoland Bay was fired on by two German naval auxiliaries.

Ship Bombed

Diving from a height of 4,000 feet down to 1,500 feet in the face of intense A.A. fire, the British plane bombed one of the ships.

The anti-aircraft fire ceased abruptly, according to the report of the pilot, the ship disappeared.

Another plane patrolling a nearby area soon after midnight came under fire from two large motor-boats. The plane immediately made a low-level bombing attack, dropping six bombs in quick succession.

Turning back to observe the results of his action, the R.A.F. pilot could see only one boat in the water.

German Report

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, April 24 (UP).—DNE reports that three British planes were brought down this morning during the raid on Stavanger Aerodrome.

Shooting Of Civilians

German Methods In Norway

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons today, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, was questioned regarding reports of Germans shooting civilians in Norway.

Mr. Butler replied that it appeared, from official German broadcasts on April 22 and 19, that the German High Command at Oslo had declared that any persons found fighting the German forces would be treated as franc-tireurs and would be shot. Some persons were already shot on this ground.

Shot On The Spot

They also declared that every civilian carrying arms or committing acts of sabotage would be shot on the spot. They had in addition admitted having forced Norwegian civilians to drive German soldiers into the firing line in commanded cars.

Comment on such methods of war was superfluous, said Mr. Butler, but he was glad of the opportunity to make the fact known.

British anti-aircraft defences, which are gradually being reinforced, have taken toll of some planes while others have been forced down by the severe weather.

ANZAC DAY OBSERVED

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are men who scaled the heights of Gallipoli once already, and who are once more giving testimony to their readiness to fight for right.

Respectful Gatharing

It is no wonder, then, that the thoughts of Australians are again overcast to-day—as were the thoughts of the respectful gathering of about 250 people which assembled at the Cenotaph this morning.

Hongkong's community had the additional support of an Anzac detail of about 80 men and officers from two Australian auxiliary cruisers who marched to and from the scene and formed a guard while the bugle calls were being sounded and the wreaths laid.

The ceremony began when two Royal Scots buglers mounted the Cenotaph base as the hour neared eleven and sounded the "Last Post."

A minute's silence followed, broken by the sounding of the "Reveille."

Wreaths were then laid by Messrs. A. W. Hughes and T. J. Neill on behalf of the Australian and New Zealand Association, and by Lt. Richards, R.A.N.R., on behalf of the Returned Soldiers' and Sailors' Imperial League of Australia.

A wreath "in remembrance of an old friend," the Rev. Canon David J. Garland, late Dean of Brisbane, Australia, was laid by Mrs. A. Howarth.

After the ceremony the men of the Anzac detail and other Australians were entertained at the Hongkong Cricket Club by Mr. A. W. Hughes.

Debating Position Of Greenland

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—The position of Greenland since the occupation of Denmark is still being considered by the United Kingdom and Canada.

This was announced in the House of Commons yesterday by Mr. R. A. Butler, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

SHOP WRECKED—THEY SLEPT ON

A six-wheeled lorry crashed into a shop in Bath-street, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leicestershire, and smashed the door, the plate-glass window, and a glass show-case inside the shop.

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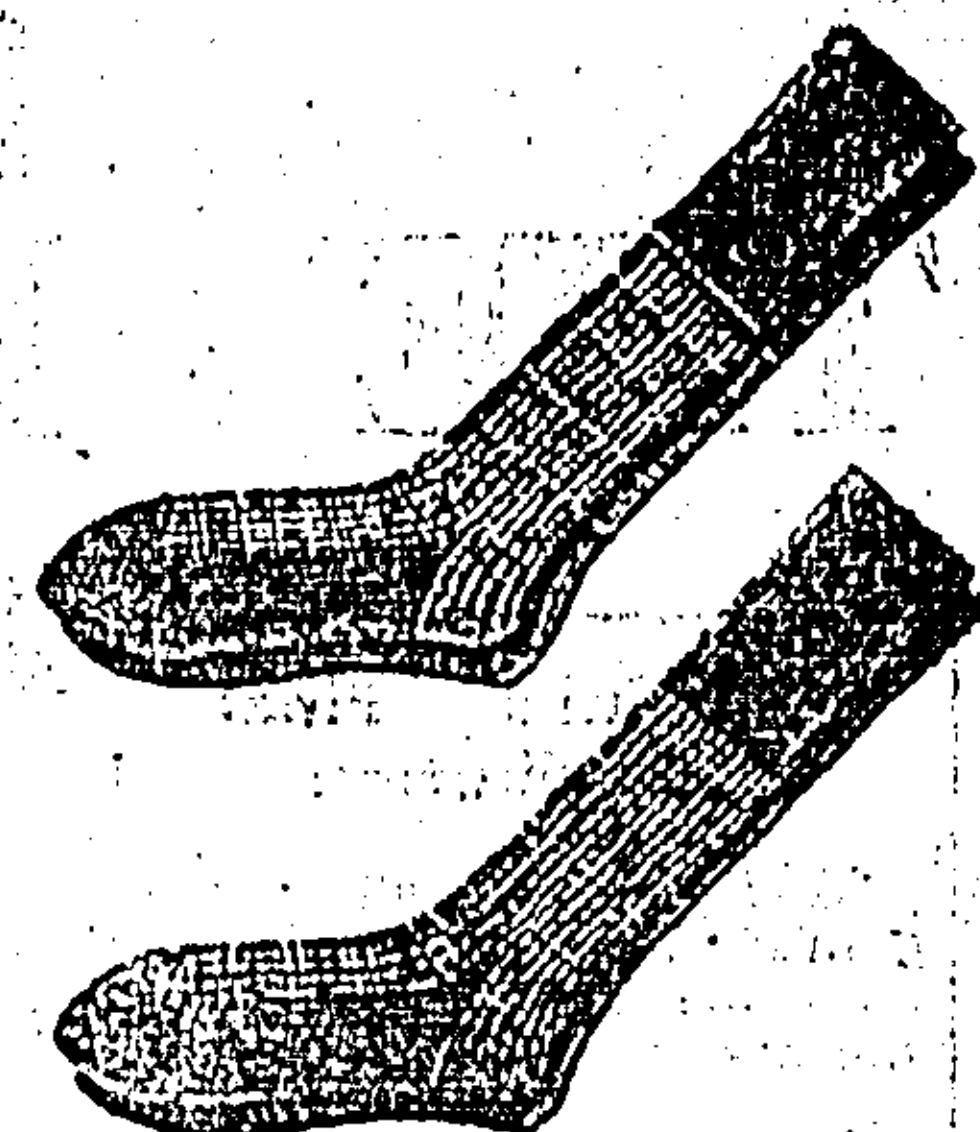
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THE END OF THE SEASON

"Pilgrim's" Final Contribution

To-day's Notes will be "Pilgrim's" final contribution until the commencement of the next season.

NEW DERBY CALL-OVER

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—The following is the latest call-over for the new Derby:
4/1 Diebel
5/1 Lighthouse II
10/1 All others.

REVISION OF SHORT CORNER RULE

THE UMPIRES' ASSOCIATION will hold their last meeting of the season next Friday, the 27th, at 5.30 p.m. in St. Andrew's Church Hall.

At their last meeting, the Umpires' Association recommended to the H.K.H.A. that the new revised Short Corner Rule is to come into force at the beginning of next season in all friendly fixtures. Services included, and umpires to keep a record of goals scored.

What is the purpose of the short corner? As I see it, this penalty is given to enable the attackers to obtain a reasonable chance of getting a goal which they were prevented from getting by an infringement of the Rules by a defender in the circle. What chance have the attackers of getting a goal from a short corner? Taking average Club hockey, i.e. senior and junior elevens, I suppose one would estimate that goals are scored in not more than 20 to 25 per cent. of short corners taken, or even much less than that.

Is this percentage sufficient? I am told by soccer enthusiasts that infringements under similar conditions in soccer results in a goal being scored in 90 per cent. of the kicks taken as a result of the infringement, and by rugged enthusiasts that an infringement under similar conditions results in a goal being scored in 50 per cent. of the kicks taken.

CONSIDERATION DESERVED

ALTHOUGH the hockey administrators may have no wish to be influenced by these points, there is no doubt that the facts deserve some consideration, especially now that the abolition of hooking sticks and foot-play have rendered infringements more frequent, particularly in foot-play.

I have heard it said that backs do occasionally obstruct with the foot, to save what would have been a certain goal, and so risk a short corner which they know is very likely to be unconverted. This, in the latter case, would now be a penalty bull.

It remains to be seen how effective the revised short corner rule will be next season. Much has been said and written about the existing short corner rule and its failure to meet the modern requirements of the game. I am still of the opinion that a really practical solution would be

Final Competition On Sunday

C.B.A.'s Excellent Tournament Record

THE SIX-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT next Sunday will bring the men's hockey season to a conclusion. The women ended a successful season last week, the champion teams being Caer Clark Cup champions—the "Y" Ladies; runners-up—the St. Andrew's Ladies; Brawn Cup Champions—Argonauta Ladies; runners-up—Diocesan Girls' School.

The Hongkong Hockey Association Tournament also ended last week, with the Radio Sports Club, champions for the second year in succession. Viewing the tournament table, one realises how close the games have been with regard to points. Four teams, Radio, C.B.A., R.E. and Police have been in close running for the championship honours, and after the final encounter only two points separated the winners from the runners-up, and one point separated the runners-up and teams occupying third and fourth places.

Thanks to the good work of the Secretary of the Umpires Association and the umpires, everything was run smoothly in spite of postponements in the preliminary stages of the tournament. Several close duels were fought between the first five teams, and the standard of play has been of a very high order.

BIGGEST SURPRISE

PERHAPS the biggest surprise of the season was the defeat of the C.B.A. in the final. C.B.A. reached the final with an undefeated record, scoring 34 goals and having only eight against them. A fine achievement which speaks well for their sharpshooters, the Fowler brothers—Syd, George and Ernie—and the capable goalkeeping of Terry Lohart, their brilliant young custodian. Radio Sports Club, the champions, suffered only one defeat, and that was at the hands of the youthful Nomads XI. The Radlomen are experienced tournament players, and boast of at least five ex-interceptors in their team. The outstanding players have been U. B. Souza, in goal, the veteran Gusta Singh, at right-back, M. H. Hassan, at centre-half, and G. Singh and J. M. Pinto in the attack.

It was a good final, and due probably to a hard and fast pitch which was to their advantage, the Radio emerged winners by 2-1.

The wooden-spoonists, as one will also notice from the tournament table, are the R.A.O.C. The Corps started well, but as most of their star players were ordered home early in the season, it was unfortunate their places could not be filled by players as good. Eventually, several walks-over had to be given by the team as they found it impossible to run a side owing to shortage of men.

found in retaining the present short corner, but with some amendments. A complete cure would be—A penalty bully to be taken for all infringements by the defenders in the circle, instead of a short corner.

POLICE FORTUNATE TO DRAW WITH MACAO

Portuguese Forwards Fail Within Circle

THE HONGKONG POLICE accomplished a good performance last Sunday at Macao by holding the home team to a 1-1 draw. In the first half, the very bumpy state of the ground seemed to upset the Police defence, whilst the home team never relaxed, and were quick to realise the futility of accurate and long passing on a difficult pitch.

By keeping the ball close, making ground, and drawing their men, they took the lead through F. Nolasco after nine minutes' play. Balwant Singh made a partial clearance, but Nolasco ran in to score off the rebound.

In this half, the home team took the lead mainly due to their superior forward play and combination. Police front line rather delayed their passes, and played into the hands of the Macao defence, which was very sound.

After forcing at least eight short corners, however, the Portuguese could make no further headway against a stout police resistance.

POLICE IMPROVE

AFTER the change of ends, the Police defence was more settled, and their forwards took advantage of the many good openings made by their halves—Leslie, Mehar Singh and Brown, who showed considerable improvement.

Giving as much as they received, the visitors equalised ten minutes before the end through Jasbir Singh. The Police centre-forward, in a fine solo effort, broke through, and after he had centred Almada out of goal, found the net with ease.

The Police were best served by their defence, with Balwant Singh, in goal, playing a good game throughout. In the attack, Faugh Singh, on the right wing, was prominent in prompting a fast moving forward line with excellent passes to both wings—at the same time holding the Police inside trio. The moving of F.

FINE UNDERSTANDING

THE feature of the game was the complete understanding shown in Macao's team-work. Rosario was excellent as full-back, and A. Alrosa, at centre-half, was prominent in prompting a fast moving forward line with excellent passes to both wings—at the same time holding the Police inside trio. The moving of F.

Tournament Table

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
Radio S.C.	9	8	1	0	23	42	16
C.B.A.	9	0	1	2	34	8	14
R. Engineers	9	5	1	3	24	14	13
Police	9	5	2	2	12	8	12
Recreio	9	4	3	2	7	11	10
Nomads	9	4	4	1	15	18	9
Royal Signals	7	1	5	1	6	20	3
K.I.T.C.	7	1	5	1	3	14	3
University	7	0	0	0	0	21	2
R.A.O.C.	5	0	5	0	1	0	0

International Tournament Cancelled

DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES, the International Tournament has been cancelled this season, and the winners v. Rest match has also been abandoned.

The Association Tournament has come to stay, and I shall not be surprised to see a larger entry of Clubs next season.

TOURNAMENT TENNIS

SINGLES SEMI-FINAL ABANDONED IN BAD LIGHT

(By "Tinker")

AT A STAGE when it was quite on the cards that Tsui Wai-pui, present Open Singles champion, might have been defeated by his younger brother, Tsui Yun-pui, their Singles semi-final at the Hongkong Cricket Club yesterday was abandoned owing to bad light with each player having won two sets and four games.

The complete scores were (Tsui Wai-pui first) 2-6, 6-4, 7-5, 3-6, 4-4.

There was no question of the fairness of the decision to abandon the match at that stage, for it would not have been fair to either player to have continued in such a deceptive light.

The excitement of the last set reached its peak when Tsui Yun-pui climbed into a 4-2 lead, but on a surprising number of errors dropped not only the seventh game, but also the eighth which was on his own service, which hitherto had scarcely failed him. To many of the spectators, it was something of an anticlimax.

The whole match, however, had been conspicuous for its lack of vitality (the American word "punch" explains it better). When least expected, some of the feeblest of strokes were made. There was little wrong with the strokes-production, little with the tactics or with the accuracy. Yet the applause was far from being as hearty as one would have expected from such a match as yesterday's.

ON THE DEFENSIVE

TO Tsui Yun-pui, however, must go the credit of having, for the first time in the Hongkong Tournament, made his brother play on the defensive. Throughout the match, Tsui

Wai-pui had been showing a repeated lack of accuracy in his deep drives and placings, and in the fifth set, Tsui Wai-pui contented himself with sending the ball back over the net, waiting for his brother to make those errors which he did. There was only a slight margin of error—but it was a failure.

In startling comparison to his brother's service was Tsui Wai-pui's. He gave away the second game of the first set on four double faults! The younger Tsui, on the other hand, had been sending over perfect "aces", and because of this his failure in the eighth game of the fifth set was the more disappointing.

SUPERIOR CONTROL

It must be conceded to the elder Tsui that many of his brother's mistakes were forced by superior control and placings—especially in the second and third sets.

Tsui Yun-pui commenced serving, and games reached 2-11, when he took the next four in a row. In the final game, on his brother's service, though being led 40-15 he was able to win the game and set.

Tsui Wai-pui won the first game of the second set, and, after losing the next, went into a lead of 4-1. He then dropped several valuable points to allow his brother to climb up to 3-4. But after two games had

followed service, and he was leading 5-4, he won the tenth game on his own service for the set.

STERNER STRUGGLE

THE third set was a sterner struggle. Tsui Wai-pui led 4-2 and then 5-3, before Tsui Yun-pui stormed his way to 6-11, and then on his own service gave his brother a 6-5 lead which was increased to 7-5 for the set.

The fourth set saw the champion leading 2-0 before Tsui Yun-pui claimed his first game, but thereafter the latter lost but on further game in his climb to 6-3.

The final set was the most tense. Both players soon reverted to the defensive, and though their shots lacked none of their former sting, there was a noticeably greater care being taken over them. Deuce was called three times before Tsui Yun-pui won the sixth game to lead 4-2. The light had already begun to fall, and when his brother took both the next games, it was only fair to abandon the match.

To-day's Programme

The other semi-final which was abandoned last Thursday, when each of the Rummah cousins, S.A. and H.D. had won two sets, will be re-played to-day.

Girl Basketball Tourists Defeated For First Time

THE CHUNG HWA Girls' Basketball team, touring team from the Philippines, met with their first defeat of the series of charity matches played here for the Chinese Wounded and Refugee funds, at the hands of the Hongkong Stars at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. yesterday, when they were beaten 27 points to 23.

The visitors opened the scoring through Cary Ong, and looked as if they would repeat their former performances. This early reverse far from daunting the Hongkong players, only served to settle them and they replied with three goals. Hongkong's guards kept a close watch over Alice Chen, but she nevertheless scored a further three goals for her side.

Chai Chun-chun was the best forward on view, and the most prolific scorer for the Hongkong side. She was indirectly responsible for the best part of the Hongkong score, and combined well with Lee Shun-yeo to enable that player to secure 8 points (4 goals) besides scoring 14 points (7 goals) herself.

Alice Chen, captain of the visitors, who has shown such remarkable ability to score from foul shots, appeared unsettled by adverse decisions, and was only able to secure five points from a large number of foul shots. She was seen to better advantage at scoring goals, netting a total of eight.

Miss Josefa Go was a tower of strength at guard and to her goes the credit for saving the side from a bigger defeat.

HONGKONG LEAD

BOTH TEAMS tied in the first half, sharing 20 points. In the second quarter Hongkong sprang into the lead after some excellent work by Chan Chai-chun. Towards the end of the quarter Ng Shiu-sum replaced Chan to enable that player to gain a breather. Hongkong led 17 to 12.

In the third quarter both teams played cautiously. Alice Chen missed several foul goals. The score at the end of the third quarter being 21 to 16, Hongkong still leading.

TEAM CHANGES

HELEN WONG was changed for Victoria Tan in the third quarter, while Hongkong replaced Ngau Sau-yung for Chan Wai-hing. In the last few minutes of the game, excitement reached fever pitch. Both sides were straining, Manila to force a draw, Hongkong to clinch matters. When Lee Shun-yeo scored a goal in the last minute the crowd gave vent to a deafening burst of cheering for both teams on a splendid performance.

HONGKONG

	No. of Fouls	Goals	Foul Goals
Lee Shun-yeo	1	7	1
Chan Chai-chun	1	2	1
Chan Wai-tong	2	1	1
Ng Shiu-sum	1	1	1
Ngau Sau-yung	3	1	1
Chan Wai-hing	1	1	1
Lau Suk-ying	1	1	1
Suen Yuk-meen	1	1	1
Total points	27

MANILA

	No. of Fouls	Goals	Foul Goals
Alice Chen	1	0	0
Victoria Tan	1	1	1
Helen Chan	1	1	1
Cary Ong	1	1	1
Josefa Go	1	1	1
Sally Wong	3	1	1
Kitty Chan	1	1	1
Total points	23

South China Beaten In Opening Game

The South China Basketball team, last year's league champions, met the Sing Tao squad, runners-up, in a curtain raiser for the girls' match, and were severely trounced by 35 points to 21.

Dino and Lee Siu-ming, coaches for the tourists' team, were seen in action for Sing Tao.

The winners were a better balanced side. They displayed excellent com-

Acceptors For The 2,000 Guineas

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—The following are the final acceptors for the new 2,000 Guineas which will be run at Newmarket on May 1:
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SOUTH CHINA "B" DEFEAT "A" BY 3-1

By "Rex"
South China "A" and "B" met in a First Division league match at Caroline Hill yesterday. The junior team winning by three goals to one. South China "A" was unable to field their full side. South China "B" also could not field a team with the result that the game amounted to almost a farce.

Ip Pak-wah, "A" left winger was seen at goal, while Chung Moon-wing, another left winger, was seen in the "B" goal. Both gave excellent performances.

After much lachrymical play, Lam Tak-po sent a nice pass to Hau Yung-sang, playing at right wing, for the latter to try with a hard drive which was helped into the net by Hau Fook-yeung.

ONE OF THE BEST

KWOK YING-KEE at centre-forward for "B" showed aptitude for that position, his dribbling and weaving amounting at times to brilliancy.

The second half was a repetition of the first with only a few players making an effort to play football. Notable among the serious players were Lam Tak-po and Hau Yung-sang for the "B", and Lau Tau-man and Ip Pak-wah for the "A".

South China "B" increased their lead when Tam Woon-cheng could not help but score from Tan Ching-khong's pass. A nice movement by Tang Shek-hang and Chan Yiu-shing saw the former put in the "A's" lone goal.

Lo Chin-kuen was top scorer for Sing Tao with 11 points (5 goals, 1 foul goal)—to his credit, followed by Lui Tse-Kit 6 points (3 goals).

For South China, Shek Chan-tut led with 7 points (3 goals, 1 foul goal) followed by Chan Ling 5 points (5 foul goals).

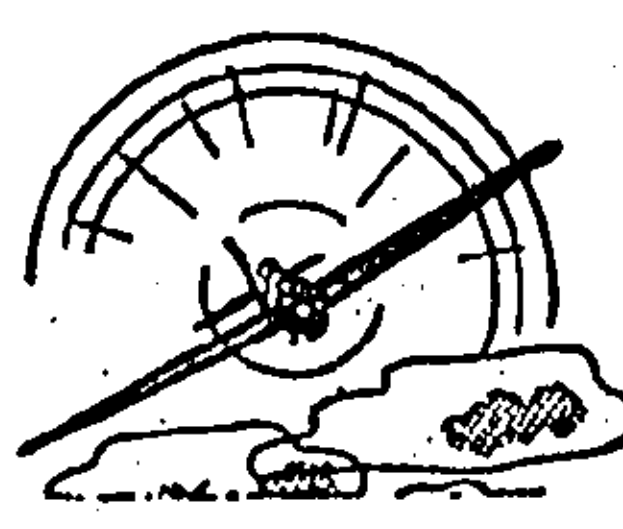
A furious pace was maintained throughout the game. Sing Tao quickly sprang into the lead which they never lost. They were the steeper team.

When the tide swung against them, South China began raising objections, and their behaviour was greeted by hisses and boos from the crowd.

Sing Tao led 24 points to 7 in the first half, when their forwards figured in some excellent shooting. In the second half, Sing Tao scored only 11 more points, and most of them from fouls.

South China's forwards displayed more combination in the first half, and managed 14 points mainly due to the absence of Lee Siu-ming, who was retired with four fouls.

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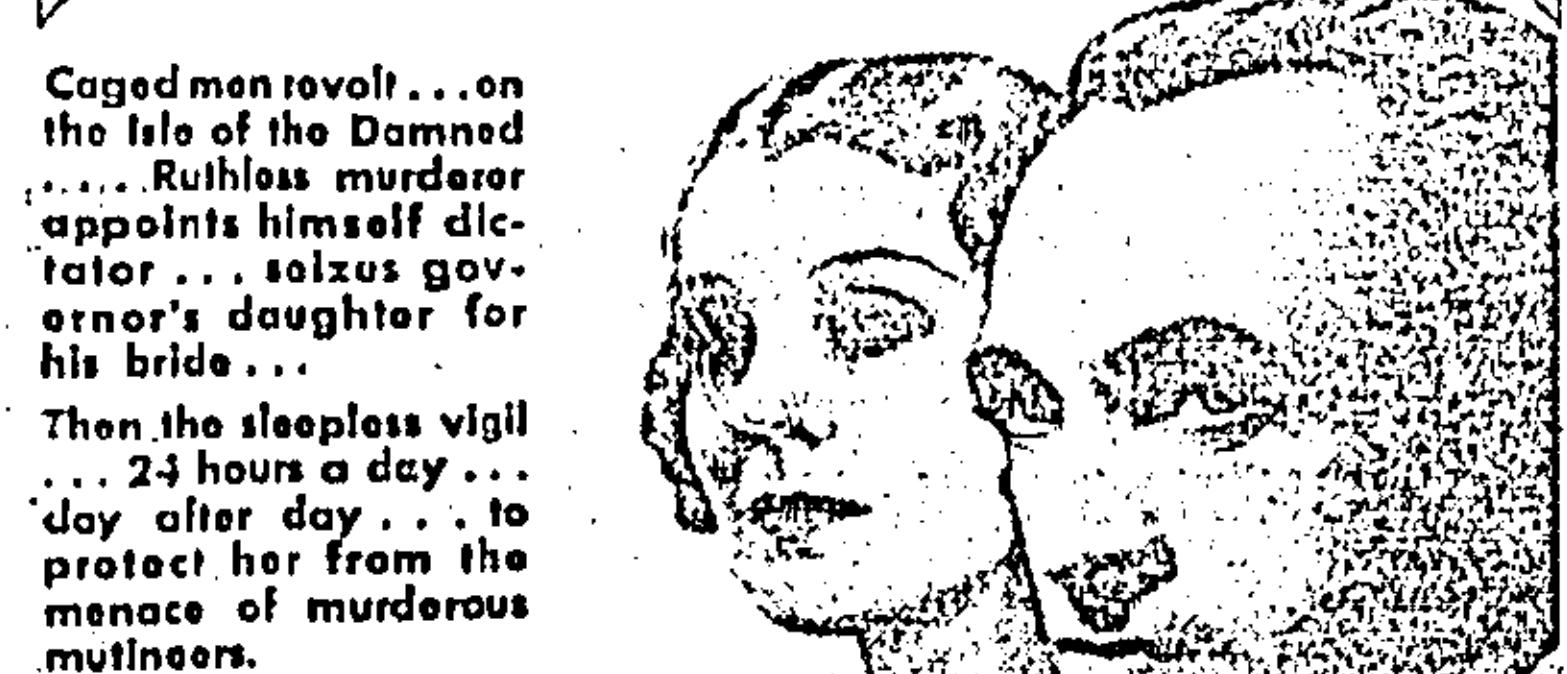
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Fascists Try To Silence H. G. Wells

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FASCISTS tried to shout down Mr. H. G. Wells at a National Peace Council meeting at Central Hall, Westminster.

Yelling, "I am a representative of Sir Oswald Mosley," a man in the gallery threw down several bundles of leaflets. That started the chorus.

More cries rang through the hall: "We are Fascists, and proud of it."

There were counter-cries like: "Call the police!" "Traitors!" For seven minutes Mr. Wells stood silent at the microphone.

Not Worth Hearing

Then a number of the interrupters were forcibly removed. Somebody called out: "Let Mosley broadcast."

Mr. Wells replied: "He never said anything worth hearing."

Mr. Wells, in his speech, said that the abolition of distance had created a situation in which a world government was necessary.

"Are you prepared," he asked, "to face the fact that your Government, just like other Governments, has to give place to a world Government?"

"There is no way to world peace except through a world revolutionary movement."

Discussing proposals for a negotiated peace now, Mr. Wells said the war was costing them £6,000,000 a day and social disorganisation.

"The peace you would get now would cost you the same," he said. "It would be a mere nominal change from the war we have now to the peace they have in China."

Yard Listens

About 3,000 people in the main hall heard the speech, and 600 at an overflow meeting.

Scotland Yard officers took notes of the speeches.

SOVIET TRADE PACT

Butler Makes Statement To Commons

London, Apr. 24. In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said that in response to proposals for the resumption of the trade negotiations recently put forward by M. Maisky, the British Government indicated it was of paramount importance to them so as to adapt their economic policy best to further their war effort.

Any trade agreement concluded with a neutral Government must therefore be related to the present war conditions and in particular to supplies of essential commodities to the enemy.

The Government accordingly invited the Soviet Government to put forward for consideration concrete proposals for a trade agreement, having regard to these considerations.

No date had been fixed for the return of the British Ambassador, Sir William Seeds, to Moscow. He is still on leave here.—Reuter.

LATE NEWS

Freedom Of Expression

Need Emphasised By Mr. A. Greenwood

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Deputy Leader of the Labour Party at a luncheon speech to-day emphasised the need for freedom of expression.

Stressing that the Labour Party stood 100 per cent. behind any effort necessary for the successful prosecution of the war, Mr. Greenwood said that Hitler made his first capital blunder when he decided on the invasion of Denmark and Norway.

That blunder proved that Corporal Hitler could never have been a sailor, he said.

Not Very Flattering

"I should like to be able to read Admiral Raeder's diary," he said, "to see what he thinks of his beloved leader. I should not think the diary would be very flattering."

Discussing the neutrals, Mr. Greenwood said that even the United States was having to pay a heavy bill for armaments not because she herself was threatened but because no one knew how far this war would extend.

He would not plead with the neutrals to join the Allies as the powers already on their side were amply sufficient.

EMPIRE HAS 2,000,000 MEN UNDER ARMS

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—It is authoritatively learned that the British Empire now has 2,000,000 men under arms exclusive of the Royal Navy, Marines, the Mercantile Marine, Air Force, the Police and civil defence services, all civil transport personnel organisations, workers in war industry and all other public services.

The armies in France and the Middle East are being steadily augmented.

The average age of the British soldier is now 26.

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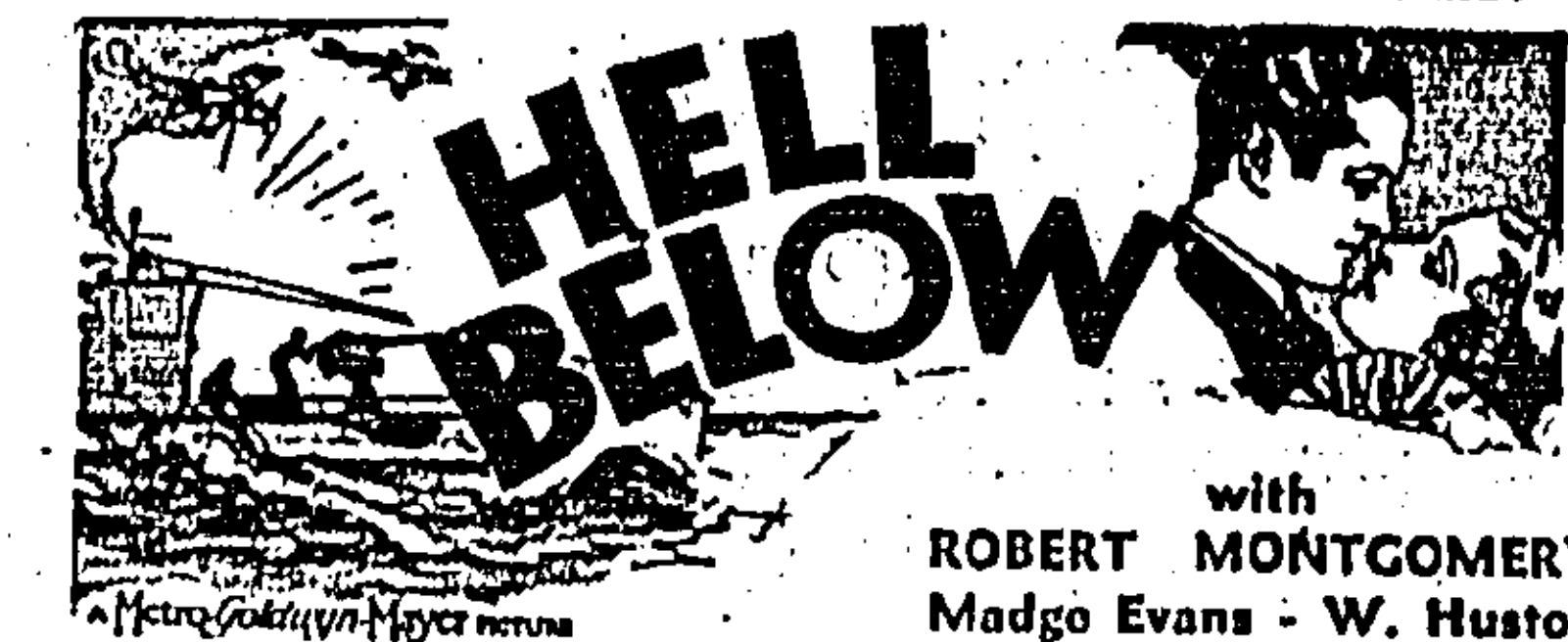


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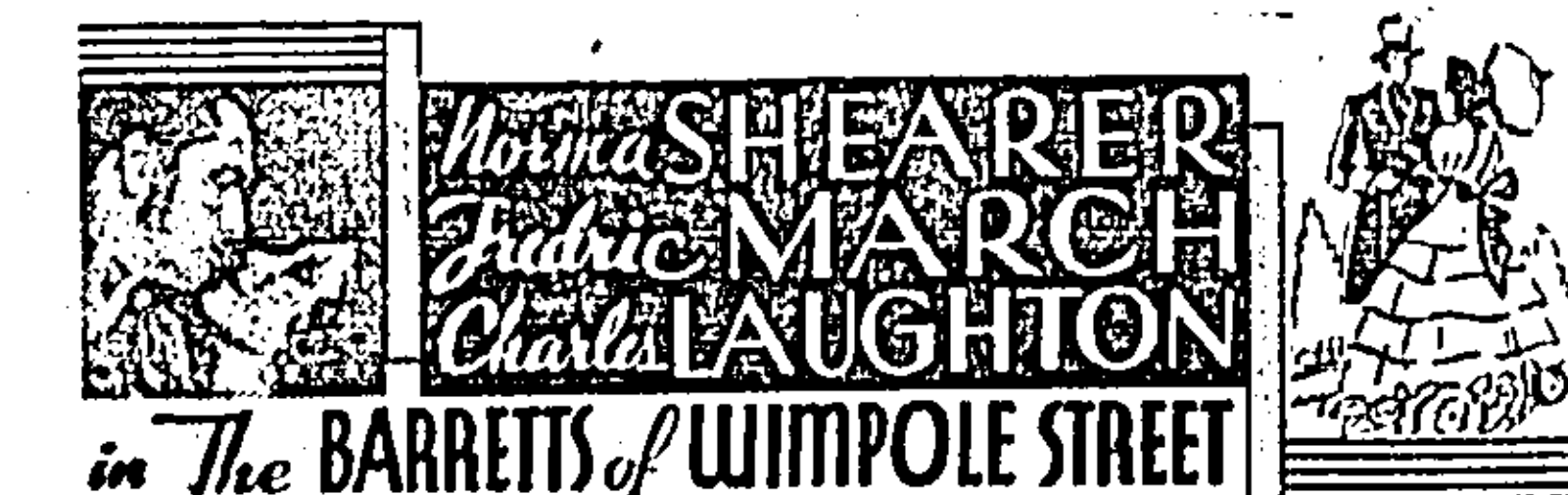


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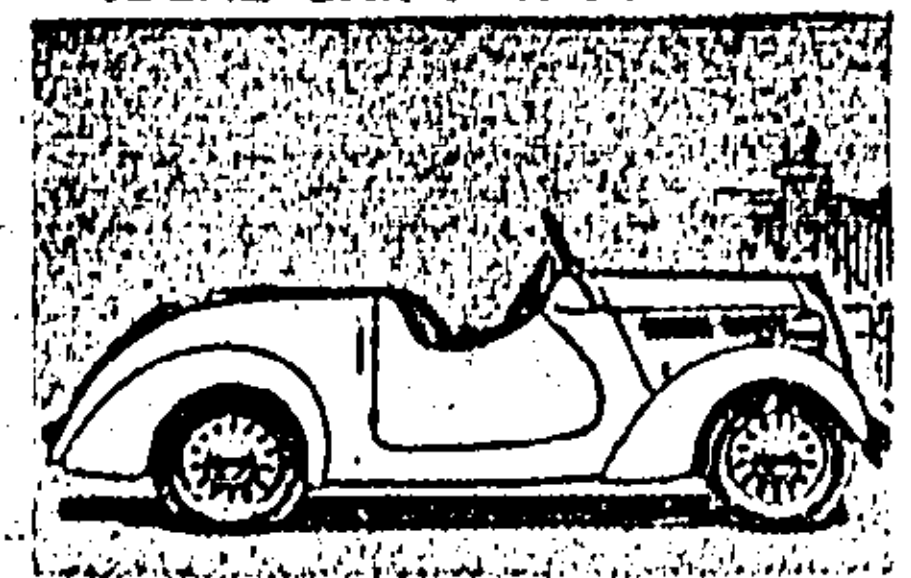
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MY SECRET WARNING: By Sir Neville Henderson See Page 4

Lappa Island Affray, Report

Formosans Kill Macanese, Claim

PASSENGERS arriving from Macao to-day report a serious affray on Lappa Island (Wantsai) between Portuguese police and Wang Ching-wei puppet soldiers (believed to be Formosans).

As a result one Portuguese, an Indian policeman and two Formosans are reported to have been killed.

The incident, which cannot be confirmed in official Portuguese circles in Hongkong, arose when two Wang Ching-wei puppet soldiers trespassed on Lappa and were asked to depart by Indian police.

Under the terms of the recent agreement between the Japanese and Macanese authorities, all troops were withdrawn from Lappa and only Portuguese police were to garrison the island.

It is stated that the Formosans refused to obey the request of the Indian police to leave the island.

When the Indians attempted to arrest them the Formosans are alleged to have fired shots, killing one and wounding one Indian.

Reinforcements were immediately despatched from Macao and from the Japanese headquarters, it is stated.

Reinforcements Rushed

The Macanese reinforcements were sent in charge of a Portuguese sergeant.

It is alleged that the Formosans again fired on the Macanese after the reinforcements arrived, killing or wounding the sergeant.

Immediate representations were made by the Macanese authorities to the Japanese, who, it is stated, replied that the matter must be dealt with between the Macao Government and the Wang Ching-wei authorities. The Formosans were, however, withdrawn.

Passengers arriving in Hongkong state that Martin Law has been declared on Lappa Island, and approximately 100 Macanese police under Portuguese officers are now patrolling the island.

The Portuguese Consul in Hongkong, Mr. P. de Saenz told the "Telegraph" that he had no knowledge of any clash between Formosans and Macanese police.

"As far as I know, everything is quiet in Macao," he said.

"Pat" Versus Hitler
An Irishman's Blood Is Up

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

STOCKHOLM, April 24 (UP).—An American Irishman named Patrick Peter King isn't going to let the Nazis get away with their invasion of Norway if he can help it.

Patrick Peter is a seaman aboard a Finnish steamer.

The vessel was at Narvik when the Germans invaded the northern railway terminus.

In Norwegian Army

Patrick Peter saw enough to convince him that he didn't like these Nazis.

So he's quit his ship and enlisted in the Norwegian Army as a machine-gunner.

"I am going back to-morrow to have a crack at them in Narvik," he told "United Press."



AND to-morrow in the "Hongkong Telegraph" Sir Neville Henderson makes some sensational new disclosures.

He tells for the first time the inner story of Field-Marshal Blomberg's surprising marriage to a "lady with a past."

"This," he says, "caused Hitler's first brainstorm of the year, and radically altered his entire outlook on life."

And incidentally the history of Europe.

The former British Ambassador in Berlin gives his candid view of Ribbentrop—"no man did more to precipitate the war."

"For that there is no hell in Dante's Inferno bad enough."

Equally sensational is his description of an interview with Hitler in February, 1938.

Then Hitler "was in a vile temper and made no effort to conceal it."

And Sir Neville quotes Hitler's startling views on the Soviet.

DANISH VESSELS IN INCIDENTS WITH JAPANESE

—SAYS REPORT

JAPANESE NAVAL vessels made two attempts to prevent a Danish coastal steamer from proceeding to Hongkong from Shanghai early this week.

This was learned from a reliable source in Hongkong following the arrival of the ship two days ago. The vessel has now been taken over by the British Admiralty.

It is stated that shortly after leaving Shanghai the vessel was stopped by a Japanese destroyer. An officer then came aboard and asked the Captain to proceed to Japan, saying that these were the instructions from the Danish Legation in Tokyo.

The Captain, who had had orders to proceed to Hongkong, refused to obey the advice, and told the Japanese officer that he intended to go to Hongkong.

Argued With Captain

After arguing with the Captain, the Japanese officer warned that the voyage to Hongkong "might be dangerous."

The Captain ignored the warning and the ship proceeded on her way.

Three hours later, the ship was again stopped, this time by a Japanese armed trawler. The same story was told by the Japanese officer who went on board the instructions had been given by the Danish Legation in Tokyo for the ship to proceed to Japan.

It was added on this occasion that the vessel was being sold to the M.B.K. and that the ship was to go to Japan to be transferred to the Japanese flag.

The Captain of the Danish ship steadfastly refused to deviate from his course, and the Japanese officer then suggested that the ship should no longer take shelter from the weather.

SWEDEN IN COMMAND
Dominates Naval Position In Baltic

LONDON, Apr. 25 (Reuter).—Germany's present position in the Baltic is given by Mr. George Steer, who was lately "Daily Telegraph" correspondent at Stockholm.

He writes: "After two or three crucial months as a result of the battles of the fjords, the naval balance of power in the Baltic has shifted against Germany and is in favour of Sweden."

The German navy was built for no other reason than to dominate the Baltic, but she is no longer mistress of that sea.

Germany can no longer support with her naval power an invasion of Sweden. If the surviving German cruisers are drafted along with Germany's only intact battleship to form a battle fleet, its total weight of guns is 11-in, eight 8-in, and seventeen 5.9-in against twelve 11-in and twenty 8-in guns of Sweden.

"Moreover, what is left of the German fleet is needed to escort supplies to Norway."

BIG BLAZE IN TSINGTAO

TSINGTAO, Apr. 25 (Reuter).—The largest conflagration in many years occurred here yesterday in the yard of the China Export Lumber Co. Ltd.

The fire started in the early hours of the morning in a mill. It is alleged to have been caused by the blowing of a fuse.

The flames spread rapidly to the adjacent out-buildings and to a large stock of lumber in the yard.

The mill was completely burnt down, while the fire in the lumber yard is continuing. It is now under control, however.

No one was injured, but the losses are estimated at over \$1,000,000.

"ITALY WILL FIGHT" SAYS MUSSOLINI

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Apr. 24 (UP).—"I do not believe Italy will not go to war. Italy will honour her pact!"

According to unimpeachable sources Mussolini made this declaration to a group of Fascist leaders representing 22 corporations last Sunday.

Mussolini said it may be a matter of weeks before Italy joins on the side of Germany, the same sources asserted.

The newspaper "Resto del Carlino" declares: "If we enter the war we will not fight for Germany but we will fight at Germany's side."

NORWEGIAN CITY OF 6,000 RAZED

G.H.Q. EVACUATES JUST IN TIME

LONDON, APRIL 25 (REUTER).—SPARING NEITHER MEN, WOMEN NOR CHILDREN, GERMAN WARPLANES MERCILESSLY BOMBED THE NORWEGIAN CITY OF STEINKJER BEFORE THEY OCCUPIED IT YESTERDAY, ACCORDING TO THE BORDER CORRESPONDENT OF THE STOCKHOLM "ALLEHANDA."

The city is entirely destroyed and the 6,000 people who comprised its inhabitants are homeless.

According to other frontier reports, British Field Headquarters, which were stationed at Steinkjer, had a narrow escape.

They were hastily evacuated from Steinkjer just before Nazi planes completely razed the city in a mass bombardment during which a ceaseless hail of high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped.

The Norwegian Chief of Staff, interviewed by the border correspondent of the "Allehand" claims that the occupation of Steinkjer by the Germans does not jeopardise the Allied position. The German advance, he says, is so slight that it does not constitute a great or immediate danger to the defending forces.

The fierce fighting in the sector between the Allies and Germans has died down with the Nazi occupation of the city.

Meanwhile, according to Stockholm reports, all arrangements have been completed for the rapid evacuation of the civilian population from Malmo.

Nazis Take Steinkjer

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—According to reports received here this afternoon, Steinkjer is now in German hands, but the Allies hold strong positions six miles north of the town, against which a German offensive is expected.

German planes and German destroyers in Trondheim Fjord made important contributions to the fighting round Steinkjer. All railway stations north of Steinkjer were repeatedly attacked from the air, but bridges and tracks are intact as they are situated among steep precipices, making them difficult targets for the German airmen.

Civilians Flee

The civilian population of Steinkjer have fled to the mountains, where they are reported to be suffering from insufficient clothing and food.

The important railway junction of Steinkjer, south of Trondheim, is controlled by the Allies, and both railways south from Trondheim to Oslo, as well as the line from Faernes to Oslo, are now in Allied hands.

German airmen are continually bombing Oslerud and Gudbrandsdal. Bombs are reported to be ablaze and parachute troops have been observed north-east of the town.

Steinkjer Laid Low

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 24 (UP).—The frontier correspondent of the Stockholm "Allehand" reports that Steinkjer was completely destroyed by the German bombardment which preceded the entry of the invaders into the city.

British and Norwegian forces, which were greatly outnumbered, retreated from the city in good order.

RAID ON ORKNEYS

Invaders Drop Bombs, Are Driven Off

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Apr. 24 (UP).—German planes which raided the Orkney Islands to-night, dropped one or two heavy calibre bombs and machine-gunned a desolate section of the island of Hoy before the planes were driven off by anti-aircraft action.

There were no casualties and no damage was inflicted.

Anti-aircraft action was brief although the air raid warning lasted an hour.

Explosion Shakes Houses

One explosion shook houses six miles away and A.I.P. workers declared that they saw a plane flying low, apparently damaged.

No bombs were dropped in the Scapa Flow waters.

An official statement by the Air Ministry and the Admiralty stated that numerous enemy aircraft attempted to attack Scapa Flow to-night.

"Two bombs were seen to drop and fall in the heather. One enemy aircraft, made an abortive attempt to bomb an open road."

"No damage or casualties resulted, and the enemy were driven off by anti-aircraft fire and R.A.F. fighting planes."

FAMED OPERA SINGER ILL

MILAN, Apr. 25 (Reuter).—Signora Luisa Tetrazzini, the world famous opera singer, is reported to be critically ill. She is suffering from a stroke.

Signora Tetrazzini is 67 years of age. She was born in Florence and it was in that town she first appeared in a small part in opera.

This debut was made in 1895 and her first world tour began ten years later. She appeared at Covent Garden in 1907.

Her first husband was an Italian named Bacchi. In 1926, when 53 years of age, she married Pietro Vernati, who was 32. Three years later she was granted a legal separation from her husband.

In November 1937 it was reported that she was no longer that she had to give singing lessons.

Last month it was reported that she was paralysed in the right leg and arm. At that time, her doctor announced that she could not talk.



MESSRS. A. W. HUGHES and F. NEILL laying a wreath on behalf of the Australian and New Zealand Association at this morning's observance of Anzac Day at the Cenotaph.—Ming Yuen.

ALLIED PLANES OVER PRAGUE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, April 24 (UP).—British and French planes flew right across Germany last night in a reconnaissance flight over Prague, the capital of Czechoslovakia.

All the Allied planes returned to their bases.

ANZAC DAY OBSERVED

Ceremony At H.K. Cenotaph

The wheel of time, spinning full circle, has brought an Anzac Day whose memories, perhaps, are sharper than they have been for a decade. Its recognition by the Australian Community in Hongkong was as simple and earnest as ever, consisting solely of the laying of wreaths at the Cenotaph at 11 o'clock this morning.

Memories of Gallipoli, 1915, are sharper this year because khaki-clad Australians, many of them sons of heroes and martyrs of the last war, are again in the neighbourhood of the Dardanelles. Some of them, indeed, are men who sealed the heights of Gallipoli once already, and who are once more giving testimony to their readiness to fight for right.

Respectful Gathering

It is no wonder, then, that the thoughts of Australians are again

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Recapture Of Kaifeng Confirmed

Big Losses Admitted By Japanese

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LOYANG, Apr. 24 (Central).—A telephonic message from Chengchow confirms reports from Chungking that the Chinese forces have occupied Kaifeng, capital of Honan Province.

The Japanese Headquarters, which was formerly the Ming Cheng High School, have been occupied by the Chinese forces.

Major Chao Yueh-men, the Commander of the Chinese forces, was killed in the attack on the city.

Japanese Admission

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PEKING, Apr. 24 (UP).—A spokesman of the Japanese Army admitted to-day that the Chinese attack on Kaifeng was the most successful launched since the Japanese occupied the city nearly two years ago.

He admitted that 2,000 Chinese troops succeeded in entering the city at 2.30 a.m. on April 23, but claims that the Chinese subsequently retreated.

The Chinese attack, said the spokesman, was preceded by a heavy artillery bombardment, during which five Japanese soldiers and several Japanese civilians were killed. Among

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Vice-Admiral's Warning AROUSES IRE OF JAPANESE PRESS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" TOKYO, April 24 (Domest).—U.S. Navy Observed with Japanese.

"American Rear-Admiral Author of Irresponsible Remark That War Inevitable."

"Rear-Admiral Gives Vent to Anti-Japanese Opinion in U.S. Senate."

"U.S. Admiral Hurls Groundless Accusation Against Japan."

"Anti-Japanese Propaganda by American Admirals."

"American Naval Interference in East Asiatic Affairs."

These are some of the streamer headlines in Tokyo newspapers to-day. They deal with the testimony given by Rear-Admiral Joseph Taussig before the U.S. Senate Naval Affairs Committee earlier this week.

During his testimony Rear-Admiral Taussig said: "We should conclude agreements with France, England and the Netherlands whereby the United States Navy could use their naval bases in the Pacific."

"We cannot invade Japan and Japan cannot invade the United States. Japan, however, will try to invade the Philippines."

"The United States should not be placed in a position where she would have to carry her war with Japan single-handed."

"I don't see how we can escape being forced into a war in the Far East."

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued yesterday says:

There were no noticeable features in the market during the short session.

Buyers
H.K. Banks \$1,400.
H.K. Hotels \$415.
Lands \$200.
Trams \$175.
Daily News \$21.00.
Lane, Crawford \$19.00.
Wm. Powell \$1.
Entertainments \$7.
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NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 30th May, 1940, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd May to 13th June inclusive.

By order of the Board,
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General Managers.
Hongkong, 16th April, 1940.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 22nd April to the 1st May, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
R. ALVES,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 15th April, 1940.

Detention Of The Selenga Has Desired Result

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—The detention of the Russian steamers Selenga and Vladimir Mayakowski is stated in London to have produced the result desired.

Since the detention of these two ships, no further Soviet ships have sailed from the United States with cargoes likely to constitute contraband.

YANKEES Avenge PREVIOUS DEFEAT

NEW YORK, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—Avenge their defeat of yesterday the New York Yankees beat the Philadelphia Athletics by 9-4 to-day in the American section of the Major Baseball League. The detailed scores were:

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Philadelphia..... 4 10 3.
New York..... 9 11 0.

(Moses homered for the Athletics, and Rolfe (2), Henrich and Gordon for the Yankees).

Washington..... 8 12 1.
Boston..... 6 6 2.
(Bloodworth homered for the Senators, and Doerr for the Red Sox).

Detroit..... 2 8 2.
Chicago..... 1 5 0.
(York homered for the Tigers).

Cleveland..... 6 12 3.
St. Louis..... 4 12 0.
(Mack homered for the Indians).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
New York..... 5 7 0.
Philadelphia..... 2 5 1.
(Young homered for the Giants).

Chicago..... 0 10 1.
Pittsburgh..... 4 11 2.

Boston..... 6 9 3.
Brooklyn..... 8 10 3.
(Cullenbine homered for the Dodgers).

The St. Louis-Cincinnati game was postponed owing to floods.

BLACK-OUT OFFENCES.

European Motorists Are Fined.

Six Europeans were among those who were summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy, to-day for driving motor cars on April 11, the black-out night, with lights on their vehicles not conforming to Regulations governing the "black-out."

Miss R. Vickers was fined \$10. She said she was driving at 7.55 p.m., all the street lights were on, and it was before the black-out.

Traffic Sub-Inspector Clarke said, Miss Vickers had been driving her car down Garden Road from the direction of the Peak and the spot light was not covered. The alide and headlights were on but the headlights should have been used. The blackout commenced at sunset on that night, and sunset was at 6.42 p.m.

Between The Alarms
H. G. Muir, Imperial Chemical Industries, was fined \$20. He was said to have been driving a car in Garden Road near Queen's Road Central at 9.10 p.m.

Sub-Inspector Clarke said the alens went at 8.25 p.m. The headlights of the car were on and they had no covers at all.

Muir said the siren went and it was broadcast through the broadcasting station that the alarm was over, and he was under the impression that between alarms it was not necessary to have the lights covered, because the street lamps were on, and many houses were showing lights at that time. He had been on the road for five minutes and drove for only about 200 to 300 yards.

C. L. Saller of Robinson Road was fined \$10. He was said to have been driving in Calne Road at 7.35 p.m. with white handkerchiefs covering the side lights.

Victim Of Circumstances
Saller pleaded guilty but said he was a victim of circumstances. The rear tail light had been covered but the covers had been blown away. Dealing with the point of the handkerchiefs, Saller said he had been detained by volunteer manoeuvres and that was the best he could do.

Dr. H. Talbot of Macdonnell Road was fined \$5. He was said to have driven a car along Garden Road at 7.53 p.m., and Sub-Inspector Clarke said the lights were actually covered and it was before the first siren. The lights were exceptionally well covered.

Capt. F. B. Minihinnick of Garden Terrace was also fined \$5. Sub-Inspector Clarke said the Captain's case was similar to that of Dr. Talbot.

Capt. Minihinnick was not in Court but a representative was present. He was also summoned for failing to notify the Police of his change of address.

Sub-Inspector Clarke said Capt. Minihinnick's vehicle was stopped at 7.50 p.m. on April 11 and the address on the licence was the Gloucester Hotel, whereas the vehicle had moved into Garden Terrace.

A fine of \$10 was imposed.

Detained At Police Station

Also in respect of black-out traffic lighting regulations, F. R. Marcal of Fort Street was fined \$10.

Marcal said on the night in question he had gone to the Central Police Station to make a report of a theft. He had been detained there and he had not expected that it would have been for so long. The Central Police Station sent him to the Bay View Police Station, which covered the district he lived in. A Chinese detective was in the car with him.

Marcal also stated that when he was leaving the Central Police Station he asked for paper for covering the lights on his vehicle and he had been given the paper he had used.

Traffic Sergeant Sullivan said he had stopped Marcal at 9.20 p.m. in Queen's Road near Garden Road. No permission had been given to Marcal to use the paper he said was given to him at the Central Police Station.

A number of Chinese motor drivers were also summoned before Mr. Sheldon for similar offences. The fines imposed on them ranged from \$10 to \$20.

Spain To Maintain Neutrality

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—"The British Government is convinced that Spain is determined to maintain her neutrality and the neutrality of her possessions," declared Mr. H. A. Butler in the House of Commons to-day.

This remark was made in answer to a debate on the Anglo-Spanish trade agreement.

European Woman Robbed

Mrs. Cairns of 10 Carnarvon Buildings, Kowloon, was complainant when Chan Wong, 21, unemployed, was charged before Mr. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with the larceny of a ladies coat and frock.

Det. Sgt. Matches said defendant was seen by a Chinese detective climbing down Mrs. Cairns' verandah with two other men. He gave chase and caught defendant who threw the clothes away.

Chan pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced to six weeks hard labour and ordered to be expelled from the Colony.



THIS PHOTOGRAPH Illustrates the Arctic conditions under which British and French troops are fighting in Norway, even though winter is over.

This photograph was taken ten miles north of Lille Hamar, 5,000 feet above sea level. Lille Hamar, which is near Hamar, was recaptured by the British forces yesterday.

RECAPTURE OF KAIFENG CONFIRMED

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The Japanese casualties were Major Takeo Tsuge.

City Shelled
After the bombardment the Chinese launched simultaneous attacks on the western, northern and southern gates.

The Chinese artillery unit shelling the city seemed to have been well-supplied with shells, said the spokesman.

He claims that the city is now quiet and normal. All British miss'aries in Kaifeng are safe.

It is recalled that Kaifeng has been the seat of anti-British movements in the Japanese-controlled area.

Continuing Thrust
Smashing into Kaifeng, that important city on the Lunghai Railway, on Tuesday morning, the Chinese are now said to have occupied two-thirds of the city.

The latest Chinese military despatches claim that they are continuing their thrust into the remaining portion of the city which is held by the Japanese and that they expect to occupy the whole city shortly.

Fires in Japanese barracks and supply depot, started by the Chinese on their entry, are still raging fiercely. The Japanese have sustained heavy material losses.

Fighting is also reported at Sintang, south of Kaifeng, where the Chinese have launched a determined attack.

Artillery Duels
In South-east Shansi, especially in the Linchuan-Kaoching area, both sides have brought their heavy artillery into action. A fierce artillery duel raged all day on Tuesday.

Taking advantage of the depletion of Japanese troops for the operations in South Shansi, Chinese forces in the western part of the province have swooped down on the enemy at Hsien and Chishan. Heavy losses are claimed to have been inflicted on the Japanese.

Five thousand Japanese troops are massed at Wuhu for an offensive on Tsunancheng, Nanling and Kaoshun, towns on the south bank of the Yangtze River in Anhwei. Their vanguards are meeting with stubborn resistance at Tsiangyikang and Shiochen.

Chinese troops have heavily damaged the Juichang-Yangshing highway, running from north-west Kiangsi into South Hupeh. The Japanese forced Chinese civilians to repair the road, but they were attacked and dispersed by Chinese regulars.

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ANZAC DAY OBSERVED

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oversens to-day—as were the thoughts of the respectful gathering of about 250 people which assembled at the Cenotaph this morning.

Hongkong's community had the additional support of an Anzac detail of about 90 men and officers from two Australian auxiliary cruisers who marched to and from the scene and formed a guard while the bugle calls were being sounded and the wreaths laid.

The ceremony began when two Royal Scots buglers mounted the Cenotaph base at the hour, played eleven and sounded the "Last Post." A minute's silence followed, broken by the sounding of the "Reveille."

Wreaths were then laid by Messrs. A. W. Hughes and T. J. Neill on behalf of the Australian and New Zealand Association, and by Lt. Richards, R.A.N.R., on behalf of the Returned Soldiers' and Sailors' Imperial League of Australia.

A wreath "in remembrance of an old friend, the Rev. Canon David J. Garland, late Dean of Brisbane, Australia" was laid by Mrs. A. Howarth.

After the ceremony the men of the Anzac detail and other Australians were entertained at the Hongkong Cricket Club by Mr. A. W. Hughes.

TIENTSIN: U.S. PROTEST

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Hitler's New Commissar Nazi To Administer Occupied Norway

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" BERLIN, Apr. 24 (UP).—The D.N.B. (Official German News Agency) to-day announced that Hitler has appointed the Gauleiter of Essen, Herr Joseph Terboven, as Commissar for the occupied territories in Norway—directly under the Fuehrer's orders as Reich Commissar.

Complete Sovereignty
It has been authoritatively stated that Herr Terboven's appointment inaugurates complete and unrestricted German sovereignty in the occupied areas of Norway, similar to those in Poland.

Subordinate To Hitler
BERLIN, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—It is announced that Hitler has appointed Herr Terboven, who was formerly Gauleiter of Essen and President of the Rhine Province, as the Reich's Commissar for the occupied districts in Norway.

He will be directly subordinate to Hitler.

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UNSAVOURY SESSIONS CASE

Married Woman On Serious Charge

What counsel for the prosecution described as an unsavoury case began before the Chief Justice Sir Althol MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions this morning, when Wong Yuk-hing, 50, married woman, was charged with having attempted to procure an abortion. The woman involved was Cheung Lai-ying, who is married.

Mr. E. H. Williams, Crown Counsel, assisted by Dr. Enap. E. Carey, appeared for the prosecution, and the accused was represented by Mr. Hin-shing Lo, instructed by Mr. S. W. Ts'o.

The following Jury was empanelled: Messrs. C. A. dos Remedios (foreman), M. A. Gutierrez, Poon Kai-yue, F. M. Alarcón, Lam Ah-cheong, Cheung Kam-chuen and A. L. Cunningham.

Facts Outlined
Mr. Williams said Cheung was employed as a baby-maid to a European family, and lived with her husband in Kimberley Road. She had two sons and another child which had since died. In October last year, she believed she had become pregnant and mentioned her condition to another woman, who recommended her to the accused. On December 1, Cheung went to an address in Shanghai Street, the front part of which was divided between a firm of druggists and a dentist. Accused lived in the rear portion with her husband. There she kept certain instruments used in mid-wifery, but she herself was not a registered mid-wife.

Cheung mentioned her condition to accused, who brought up the question of having an abortion. Cheung eventually agreed to the proposal. The sum of \$40 odd was mentioned and accused said the cost would be more if the operation had to be completed within twenty-four hours. Accused finally agreed to accept \$30 and \$2 tea money.

A certain operation was then carried out and that night, Cheung felt ill and her temperature rose. Her husband did not know what had happened and he would say that had he known of his wife's intentions, he would not have permitted it. He did not find out until the next day, when he questioned his wife and she informed him.

Husband's Discovery
The husband found out who had performed the operation and went to see the accused, who on being questioned, admitted it. The husband got her to accompany him home to see his wife. Cheung's condition did not improve on December 3 and accused again saw her and on this occasion, carried out another operation on the woman.

Seeing his wife's condition did not improve, the husband wanted to send Cheung to hospital, but she was reluctant to go and went to accused's place instead. Her condition grew worse, and on December 13, Dr. Tang Yee-yuen was called in. On December 16, Cheung fell unconscious and was taken to Kwong Wah Hospital, where she was attended by a nurse, Poon Tze-ying, and Dr. Ho.

In Poor Condition
The next morning, Inspector Carey saw the woman and had her removed to the Kowloon Hospital. He visited Wong's place the same afternoon and there found a mid-wife's bag and the instrument alleged to have been used on December 4 and 5.

Cheung was found to be in a poor condition when she was examined by Dr. E. L. Gosano, who discovered signs of an illegal operation having taken place. She was suffering from shock and her temperature remained high for a week. On December 28 an operation was performed.

Dr. Gosano formed the opinion that the abortion had not taken place naturally.

Dr. Tang Yee-yuen said when he saw Cheung, accused, who was present, introduced the woman as Mrs. Lee and said she was a relative. Accused further informed witness that the patient was suffering from stomach trouble and had vomited. Witness examined her abdomen but could find nothing specially wrong. He gave her an injection to relieve the pain.

Cross-examined by Mr. Lo, witness said he did speak to Cheung who said something in Mandarin which he only understood slightly. He believed it was owing to her inability to speak Cantonese that she spoke little to him. Dr. Tang agreed that had she wanted to make a complaint, she had opportunity to do so.

At the time, he formed the opinion the woman was suffering from stomach trouble. He suspected nothing from his examination. Had she complained of something more than stomach trouble, he would have made a fuller examination.

Dangerously Ill
Dr. Gosano said the woman was dangerously ill on her admission into Kowloon Hospital. He was present when a statement was taken from her by a Magistrate. When he examined her, he found signs of an abortion having taken place.

The case is proceeding.

SUDDEN DEATH OF JOE JACOBS

NEW YORK, Apr. 24 (UP).—Joe Jacobs, manager of Tony Gallo and former manager of Max Baer, died here to-day at the age of 44 years.

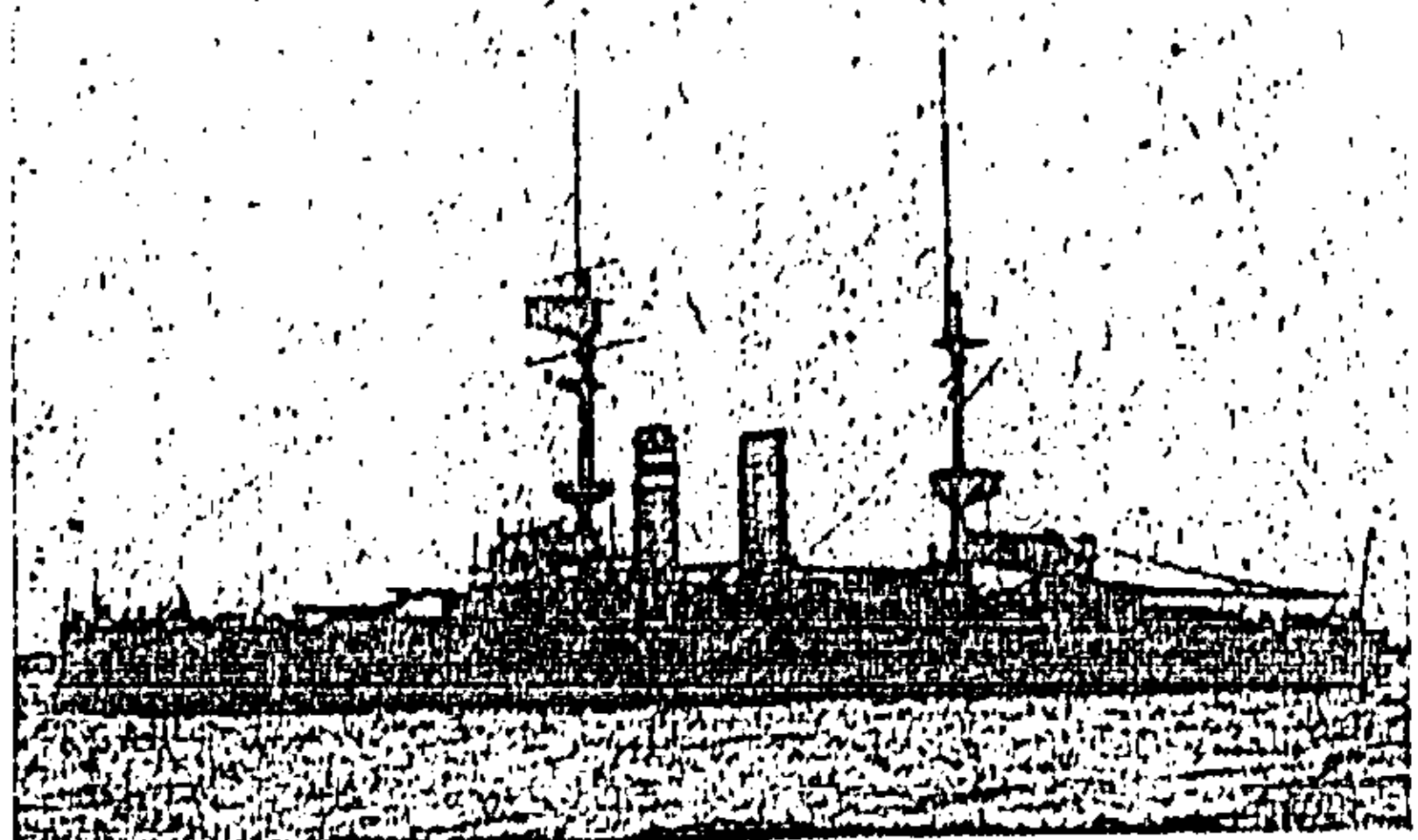
His death occurred suddenly, in his doctor's office where he had been attending since a recent heart attack.

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PUT BACK THE CLOCK

Budget Speech 1896

INCOME TAX WAS UP TO 8d. (UPROAR); BRITAIN FACED HER FIRST PEACE-TIME £100,000,000 BILL; THEY WANTED ANOTHER COUPLE OF MILLION FOR THE NAVY ("UNPRECEDENTED INCREASE")



THIS WAS THE NAVY'S LAST PRINCE OF WALES

Another Prince of Wales joins the Navy

A new battleship has been added to the Royal Navy. Old-time tradition has been upheld. There is yet another Prince of Wales in the fighting Fleet. A famous ship's name is revived.

The naming of British warships is always a subject of considerable care. This year, it is estimated, 100 vessels of various classes, ranging from battleships to river sloops, will take the water—an average of about two per week.

Nearly every new ship will carry a distinctive name which will carry on the long traditions of the Senior Service.

There sit from time to time in a room in the Admiralty in Whitehall a special committee of naval officers and experts.

They decide on what names for new ships should be suggested to the First Lord for subsequent submission to the King. For the name of every ship in the Royal Navy must be approved by his Majesty.

The new Prince of Wales is the successor to a privater employed by the exiled King James II, and captured by the forces of King William in 1693.

The first line-of-battle ship to bear the name, however, was not put into service until 1705, when a vessel of 74 guns was built at Milford and named after the future Prince Regent, then an infant of two and a half years.

A contemporary witness describes the scene at the launching: "Ten thousand spectators covered the hills all round, which with several of H.M. ships, a great number of sloops, and other vessels made a beautiful appearance."

"The decorations and carved wood are light, graceful, and elegant. The head is a bust of H.R.H. supported on each side by Liberty and Wisdom and appearing with all the dignity of a Prince of the Ancient Britons."

The ship fought at Grenada and was blown up 15 years later, a very short life for a man-of-war in those days.

The next Prince of Wales was a vessel of 98 guns which fought at the Glorious First of June and only missed being in line at Trafalgar owing to the fact that she was ordered to take home Sir Richard

Calder, who was recalled for not fighting his forces to a finish in an action with the French off Cape Finisterre.

The following Prince of Wales had her design changed twice, and was finally built as a screw three-decker in 1800. She was never commissioned, and was renamed Britannia and anchored at Dartmouth as a training ship. The last ship of the name was a 15,000-ton battleship of the Queen class, dating from 1902, and took part in the last war.

A New Lion

THE Royal Navy will soon have a new battleship called Lion, which will replace in the naval roster the flagship of Lord Beatty at Jutland.

The Lions have a history of more than 400 years, for it was in 1511 that the first Lion is recorded, a small ship of 120 tons, captured from Scotland.

The seventh of the giant battleship now building is the Temeraire—a "name of fair renown" as was recorded when Turner painted his immortal picture of the old Fighting Temeraire being towed to the ship-breakers' yard, exhibited in the Royal Academy in 1839.

This was the famous ship which was second-in-Nelson's-line at Trafalgar. Her captain saw that the Victory was getting a great deal of enemy fire and manoeuvred his ship to protect her. Nelson immediately signalled that she go on ahead at once, where she was badly damaged.

But when the end came two hours after, it is related, "This magnificent ship lay with a French 74 on each side of her, both her prizes, one lashed to her mainmast and one to her anchor."

A new Illustrious has already been commissioned. She is the Navy's latest aircraft-carrier. The original Illustrious was with Hood before Routon in the Redoubtable wars. The second, after taking part in the ill-fated Walcheren expedition in 1809, became a training ship at Portsmouth.

The last ship was a battleship of 14,000 tons built in 1895. She had a sister ship, Victorious, in the same class. There is about to be another Victorious also an aircraft-carrier. The first Victorious was a 74-gunner which took part in the capture of the Cape of Good Hope.

Prize Captures

THE new aircraft-carriers will also take two more honoured names—Formidable and Implacable. The first Formidable was captured from the French by Lord Hawke at the battle of Quiberon Bay in 1759. Another was at the relief of Gibraltar.

Likewise the first Implacable was a prize capture from the French, this time in the Napoleonic wars.

Everyone will welcome the revival of old traditions in the names of many of the new smaller vessels—cruisers, destroyers, submarines, and depot ships.

The cruiser Bonaventure has already been launched. The name has a history dating back to Henry VIII. Drake made his last voyage in a Bonaventure. A Bonaventure carried the Duke of Cumberland's flag at the fight with the Armada. She flew Drake's flag when that redoubtable sailor "sing'd the King of Spain's beard" in 1589 on the occasion of the daring raid at Cadiz.

There has been a Bonaventure in nearly every war of the past two and a half centuries.

Norman Hillson

"WITH reference to the enormous increase in expenditure the great question ought to be considered whether it is not now increasing faster than the capacity to bear it."

Wise words, you may think, in days when income tax is 7s. 6d. in £ and the country faces a Budget of £2,000,000,000.

Well—and who said them? They were spoken, with due solemnity, by Sir Michael Hicks-Beach ("Black Michael") when he opened his Budget in 1896.

It was a stupendous occasion. For the first time in the peace history of Britain, the Budget had risen to £100,000,000. Income tax (oh, intolerable burden!) stood at 8d. in the £. It had been 2d. in 1874, had risen to 6d. by 1884, and, after fluctuations, was 6d. by 1894.

These facts were noted with ominous head-shakings. There were references in the debate to the "unprecedented" increase in expenditure, which was mainly on a big scheme of naval expansion.

This cost the taxpayers £2,000,000 more than in 1895, and brought the outlay on the Navy up to a grand total of £21,823,000, or about one-seventh of the sum we are spending to-day.

Sir Henry Fowler (Wolverhampton) spoke severely about the income tax in 1896. "I assume," he said, "that in the opinion of the Government, 8d. in the £ is to be taken as the normal peace rate of income tax. But in my opinion 6d. is a very fair rate to impose in time of peace." (Cheers.)

The income tax had been first imposed in 1841 (except for a short period during the Napoleonic wars) by Sir Robert Peel to compensate him for the loss of duties after the repeal of the Corn Laws. It was a "temporary measure"—which has never been relaxed.

All For £200,000

THERE was a great Budget storm, too, in 1897, when Sir Michael Hicks-Beach proposed to spend money on increasing the garrison in South Africa.

The Liberal Opposition at once raised the cry of a "war policy." Sir William Harcourt (how familiar it all sounds) trounced Mr. Joseph Chamberlain and said, "The Opposition will offer a most determined resistance to money being spent on promoting aggressive and warlike policies in South Africa."

Then, after a dramatic pause, and pointing an accusing finger, he cried: "You are asking for £200,000!"

And it was true. No wonder the country was shaken to its financial foundations.

Cries of "Ruin!" have punctuated nearly every Budget speech. As far back as 1809, when the country was spending about £65,000,000 a year on everything, Mr. Gladstone warned Parliament about the "great rapid, and menacing expenditure" which wealthy Victorian England was incurring.

Do not imagine that the expenditure of our grandfathers was as great as is to-day in comparison with their national income.

When annual Budgets were about £70,000,000 in the 1870's, the national income was more than £1,000,000,000 a year. In other words they spent about 7 per cent. of their income. To-day England is spending five times that proportion on defence alone; and for all purposes she is disbursing more than 42 per cent. of her entire national receipts.

The time they took in those days, too! Why, Mr. Gladstone once occupied five hours in counting up the helpence.

But when Mr. Bonar Law came to deal with the all-time high in British Budgets—the accounts of 1918—he got through them in about two hours. And in that time he had disposed of £2,972,000,000. Never before or since, not even in the figures presented by Sir John Simon yesterday, have such astronomical figures been submitted.

We were at war, of course. The United Kingdom was then spending

nearly £7,000,000 a day to pay for it. Mr. Gladstone would have been bankrupt in ten days at that rate.

But in 1918 there were no shouts of alarm. We had got past alarm after four years of war. In fact, the whole debate was remarkable for the absence of such justifiable adjectives as "gigantic," "colossal," or "unbearable."

A Luxury Tax Then

MR. BONAR LAW was quiet and unemotional. All he permitted himself at the outset was the remark that his statement would be on a scale "far exceeding any that has been known at any time or in any country."

Later in his speech he said, "We really must be moderate in the amount we raise by taxation." He explained that he was asking for a mere £774,000,000 on the existing basis of taxation, and he asked the indulgence of the House for proposals to raise another £114,000,000 in new taxes.

He increased the super-tax from 3s. 6d. to 4s. 6d.; doubled the tax on furs, on spirits (making 5s. a bottle), on beer, put 2d. on tobacco, 1d. on matches, 1½d. on sugar; imposed a luxury tax of 2d. in the 1s.; raised postage from 1d.

to 1½d.; the stamp on cheques from 1d. to 2d.

And he increased the income tax from 5s. to 6s. in the £.

The reception of that news was so remarkable that it is worth quoting:

Mr. Bonar Law: I should have been glad to leave it at 5s., but that is impossible, and I propose to increase the rate and make it 6s. in the £.

Hon. members: Hear, hear, and Not enough!

Mr. Bonar Law: I hope the exclamations I have just heard reflect the general view of income-tax payers.

There was a bit of grumbling, of course, but George Robey had a song about it, and people laughed it off. The war was won that year.

One other passage in Bonar Law's statement is worth noting. He said the figures were "an amazing testimony to the financial stability of this country."

Britons have, after all, to thank Gladstone and Hicks-Beach and all the others for that. If they had not looked after the pennies, Sir John Simon could not have been so prodigal with the pounds.

G. M. Murray

Photographing The War

Official Camera Men In Action

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—It was announced in the House of Commons yesterday that we have now more photographs showing the work of the Royal Navy.

It was also announced that arrangements have been made for a number of newsworthy cameramen to be attached to units of the fleet.

Already a large number of naval photographs have been taken by some of the cameramen. Some of these photographs have recently appeared in the press.

News Photographer in Norway It was also stated that an officer with Fleet Street experience as a photographer has been specially brought back from France and is now in Norway.

Civilian photographers will follow him later. Four official photographers have been in France since last October. Another unit will be stationed in the Middle East within the next fortnight.

Colony Ships Requisitioned

Fleet Taken Over By Shipping Ministry

The entire Fleet of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company Ltd., Yangtze River vessels excepted, is to be requisitioned by the Ministry of Shipping on May 1.

This information was made available in Hongkong this morning. It is understood that the Ministry of Shipping will decide rates of charter hire later.

No further information is at present available.

U.S. MANOEUVRES BAN ISSUED

No Foreign Attaches To Attend

WASHINGTON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—The War Department has decided that no foreign attaches will be invited to attend manoeuvres, in which some 70,000 troops will participate. The manoeuvres will be held in Louisiana and Texas in May when troops in the "streamlined" divisions will be operating for the first time in peace as a field army.

The exclusion of foreign attaches is explained in authorized quarters as due to the fact that the available facilities will be too crowded for them to be looked after properly.

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8.23 Marek Weber and His Orchestra. 8.45 Jessie Matthews (Soprano). 9.15 Costa (Piano) and Reginald Dixon (Organ).

9.15 London Relay—News Summary. 9.30 London Relay—"Vive la France."

9.45 A Light French Programme. 10.15 Grieg—Incidental Music to Peer Gynt.

10.30 Vienna Symphony Orchestra with Chorus conducted by Paul Kerby. 10.30 Half an hour of Dance Music. 11.0 Close down.

Three Killed In Durham Explosion

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—Three men were killed, 19 injured and many others slightly hurt as the result of an explosion at the Imperial Chemicals Works at Billingham, on the River Tees, Durham.

An official statement by the firm says that damage to buildings and machinery was slight and that serious interference with production is not anticipated.

Damage Is Slight

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, April 25 (UP).—An explosion in the coal grinding section of the boiler house of the Imperial Chemical Industry's plant at Billingham-on-Tees killed three people to-day.

Nineteen others received burns. The damage to the plant is reported to be light and will in no way hamper production.

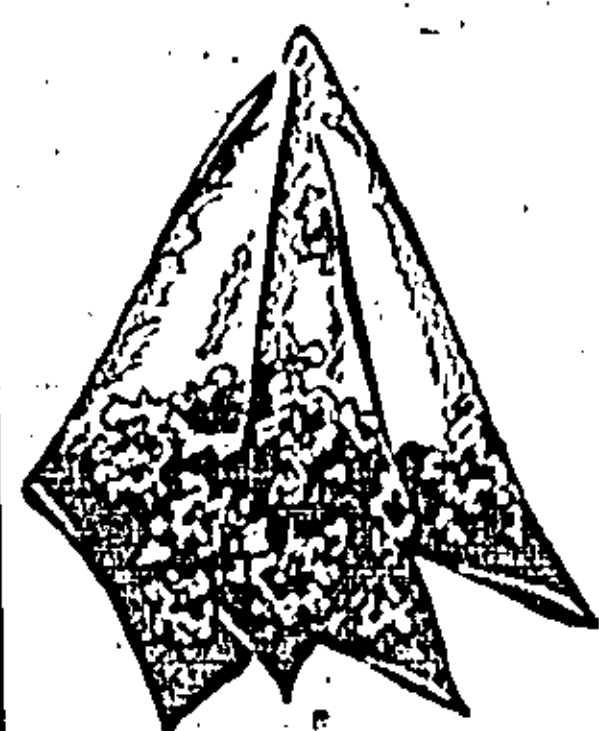
LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—The trial of Udham Singh, in connection with the murder of Sir Michael O'Dwyer last month, was postponed at the Old Bailey yesterday until next session.

It's Spring time . . .

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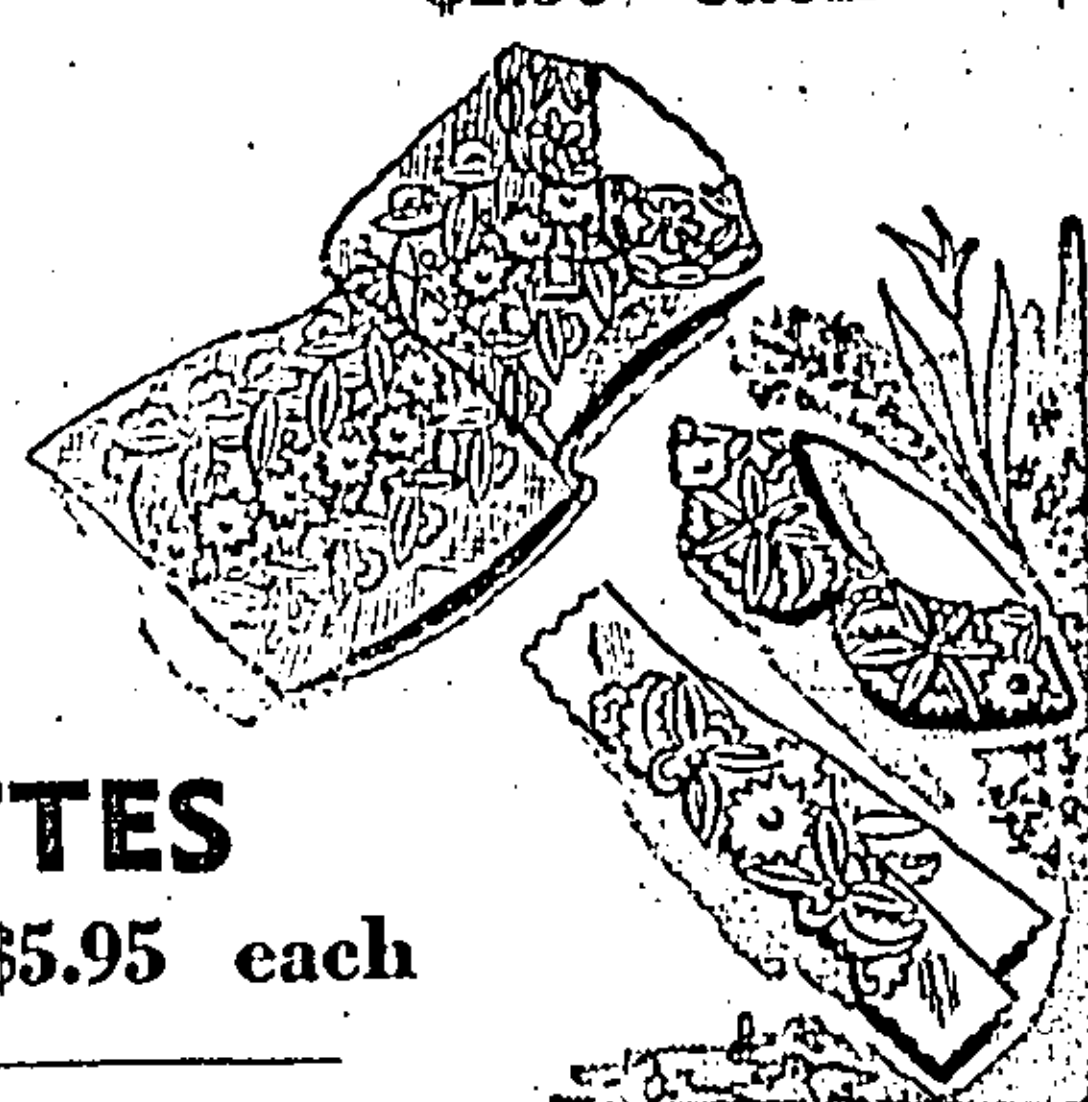
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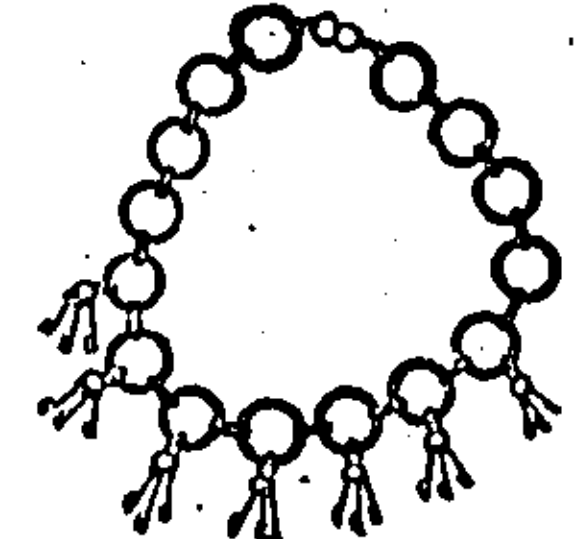
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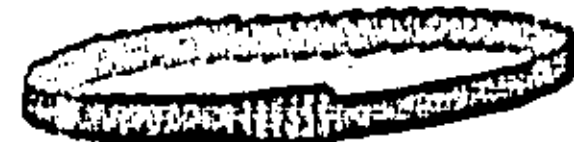
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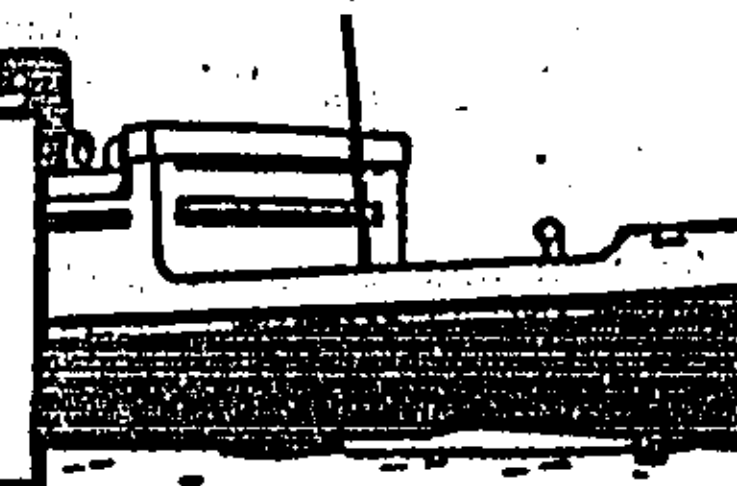
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INSTALLMENT - 4

After "friendship talks" comes disillusion...

You have read how Sir Neville—British Ambassador in Berlin up to the outbreak of war—renewed his effort to arrange a friendly visit to Britain by the German Foreign Minister. And how Hitler coolly rebuffed the proposal. Then—

MR. CHAMBERLAIN made a second attempt in the course of the year 1937 to break the ice of bad relations with the Nazi Government.

Arrangements had been made by General Goering, as Game Warden of The Reich, to hold a great hunting exhibition at Berlin in November. When I arrived at my post in May, I found that almost every European country was to be represented at this exhibition, except Great Britain.

It seemed to me unfortunate that we should not participate. I consequently appealed to the Foreign Office for help in securing a contribution from H.M. Government, even at that late hour, for this purpose.

Thanks to their good offices a small sum was forthcoming, and a highly satisfactory collection was arranged.

Secret behind Halifax visit

It is perhaps not out of place to mention here that in the final adjudication Poland received the first prize for the European section, and Britain the first prize for its overseas collection.

But the exhibition chiefly merits mention in this record owing to the fact that it furnished Lord Halifax, at that time Lord President of the Council, with the opportunity for a visit to Berlin.

It is true that in accordance with diplomatic tradition, albeit also in order to avoid exciting exaggerated hopes in some quarters and apprehension in others, the visit was described as entirely private and unofficial, and the Lord President's status as a Master of Foxhounds was accordingly carefully stressed.

But the fact remained that it was designed by Mr. Chamberlain to establish that personal contact between a prominent British statesman and the Nazi leaders which Hitler was believed to seek, and which, it was hoped, might lead to a better understanding.

As such and taken by itself, it was entirely successful, and had a better understanding been possible or really wanted by Hitler, the visit would have largely contributed to it.

Goebbels behaved well

Lord Halifax lunched on arrival with Baron and Baroness von Neurath, who were old acquaintances, and spent his first afternoon visiting the Exhibition of which, indeed, he was in German eyes one of the principal exhibits.

His passage through the dense throngs of people was greeted with the public with evident sympathy and pleasure.

He paid it a second visit on the next day, and in the evening he went by train to Berchtesgaden, where he had a long conversation with Hitler.

He returned to Berlin on the morning of the 20th and lunched with General Goering at Karinhall. That evening I gave a big dinner party at His Majesty's Embassy at which he met most of the other leading Nazi Ministers and personalities.

On the following day (Sunday), Dr. Goebbels and his wife came to



Lord Halifax at the Berlin hunting exhibition. "In German eyes he was one of the principal exhibits."

tea at the Embassy. While my sister, Lady Lettice, and Lady Alexandra Metcalfe, who were staying with me at the time, entertained Frau Goebbels, I acted as interpreter between Lord Halifax and Dr. Goebbels.

The subject of our conversation was the Press of our two countries, and for a while thereafter there was less friction in this respect.

Nor can I refrain from observing that the reasonableness and logic which Dr. Goebbels always displays in private, seemed to make, in spite of his reputation, quite a good impression upon Lord Halifax.

The Lord President left that evening for London. His time during his five days' visit to Germany had been fully occupied, and the general effect was up to a point undoubtedly good.

Hitler cannot but have been—and in fact, so I heard, was—impressed by the obvious sincerity, high principles and straightforward honesty of a man like Lord Halifax.

The general German public regarded the visit as a proof of British goodwill towards Germany and were clearly appreciative. Nevertheless, the official German tendency was to sit back and wait.

As Goering said to me after the visit, "Does the Prime Minister really mean business, and will he be able to impose his will upon those circles in England which seek to negative everything which is Nazi, or which is not run on the old lines of the League of Nations, French encirclement, collective security, and Russia as the counterpoise to Germany in Europe?"

That was the orthodox view in Germany at that time of British policy, but the fact was that, in spite of all his professions of a desire for an understanding with Britain, Hitler was himself in no hurry.

He was astute enough to realise that he had first to cross the Austrian and other brooks. He was not prepared to sacrifice his Central European ambitions to that understanding.

Good relations with England only meant, for him, the acquiescence of England in his schemes for the redrawing of the Central European map.

GERMAN ARMS: MY SECRET WARNING

His professions cost him nothing and were a valuable part of his stock in trade for deluding the German people, who, in the mass, really did want to be friends with the English.

It was the pattern of the conjurer intended to mislead his audience and distract their attention.

And, indeed, up to March 15, 1939, however prepared one might be for the worst, it was still possible to hope that Hitler might be sincere; that he meant

even approximately what he said; that he would, in fact, be satisfied once the unity of Great Germany was consummated; that all he wanted was Germans; and that once he had got the Austrian and Sudenten into the German fold, he would leave other nations alone and content himself with peaceful occupations and pursuits.

Provided one was prepared for the worst, one can and must always hope for the best, until the worst happens.

Air Force: Alarming signs

Peace was my goal, and I could not honestly work for it if I acted on the assumption that, whatever occurred or whatever one did, the end would always and inevitably be the worst.

My job was not to prophesy the worst, but to do my utmost to prevent it happening.

In the annual report on Germany, I wrote for the year 1937:

"The rearmament of Germany, if it has been less longer news, has been pushed on with the same energy as in previous years."

"In the army, consolidation has been the order of the day, but there is clear evidence that a considerable increase is being prepared in the number of divisions and of additional tank units outside those divisions."

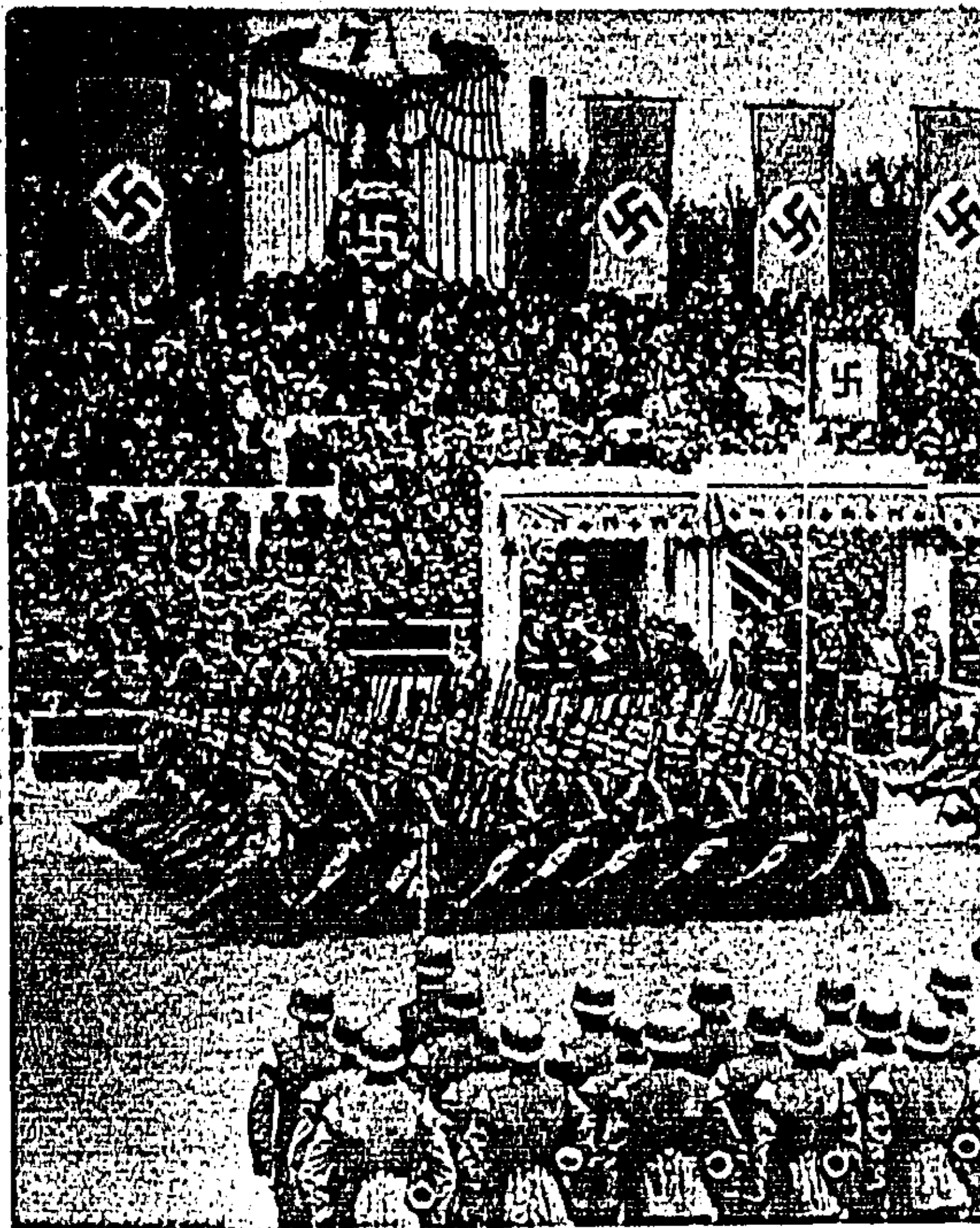
"The air force continues to expand at an alarming rate, and one can at present see no indication of a halt. We may well soon be faced with a strength of between 4,000 and 5,000 first-line aircraft."

"The power of the German Air Force has been still further increased by the intensive development of air defence, which has reached a degree of efficiency probably unknown in any other country."

"Even the navy, though well within the 35 per cent. proportion in training a personnel considerably above the requirements of that standard."

"Finally, the mobilisation of the civilian population and industry for war, by means of education, propaganda, training and administrative measures, has made further strides."

"Military efficiency is the god to whom everyone must offer sacrifice. It is not an army but



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the whole German nation which is being prepared for war." In the light of that paragraph written in the course of the first week of January, 1939, it seems astonishing that one should have managed to preserve at the time any shred of optimism.

It was, however, still possible to conceive that Hitler was acting solely on the principle for war.

"Wild Men" wanted action

I never had a shadow of doubt that his aims were the incorporation of Austria, the Sudetenlands, Memel and Danzig. His claims in these respects were based on the principle of self-determination, and a negotiated settlement in regard to them should not therefore have been impossible.

Even Hitler's emotion over dead Germans in connection with the Hindenburg and Deutschland disasters encouraged the illusion that he might recoil from a war in which such misfortunes would be magnified a hundred thousand fold.

Time, which alone could do so, had proved the falsity of these hopes. Hitler and his wild men were not to be satisfied by a mere display of force to achieve their ends.

If one makes a toy, the wish to play with it becomes irresistible. And the German army and air force were super-toys, and Hitler was determined to find, or he could not find, to make an occasion for proving, regardless of the cost to Germany and to the world, what a formidable super-toy maker he was.

As for Hitler's emotion over dead Germans, it was undoubtedly sincere at the moment that he expressed it, and, in fact, corresponded with a certain sentimental streak in his character.

But it was a typical streak of his two-sided nature, which he could assume or discard as he wished. It was the same with his indignation over oppressed Germans in other countries (not over those—be it noted—in the concentration camps in his own country).

So long as good relations with Poland were necessary to his policy, he evinced no sympathy for the German minority in that country.

German lives will be sacrificed

In order to ensure Italy's goodwill, he proved that he was quite ready to sacrifice the Germans in the South Tyrol, though possibly with the idea of sending them back again there later.

Since the war began he has authorised the infliction of untold hardships on the Baltic Germans, simply in order to oil the wheels of his present Russian policy.

On the other hand, when sentimentality served his immediate purpose, as in the case of the Nazis in Austria, the Sudeten in Czechoslovakia or the German minority in Poland, he was able equally easily to work himself up into a frenzy on their behalf.

As with the oppressed, so it was with the dead Germans.

He had publicly announced that he reckoned on heavy German losses if there was war with Poland. Yet that did not deter him from conceiving and carrying out his Polish campaign.

Similarly, there can, I think, be little doubt that he will sacrifice without a tremor countless thousands of lives on the Western Front if he believes that by so doing he will succeed in glorifying himself and in maintaining his own position and that of his party in Germany.

I have alluded to my mission to Berlin as a Drama. The year 1937 constituted its orchestral over-

ture, of which the Wagnerian leit-motifs were the disciplined tramp of armed men, ever louder and more multitudinous, and the ceaseless clank of heavy machinery forging guns and yet bigger guns, tanks and ever heavier tanks, bombers and still more powerful and destructive bombers.

It was a somber introduction to the four-act tragedy which was to follow.

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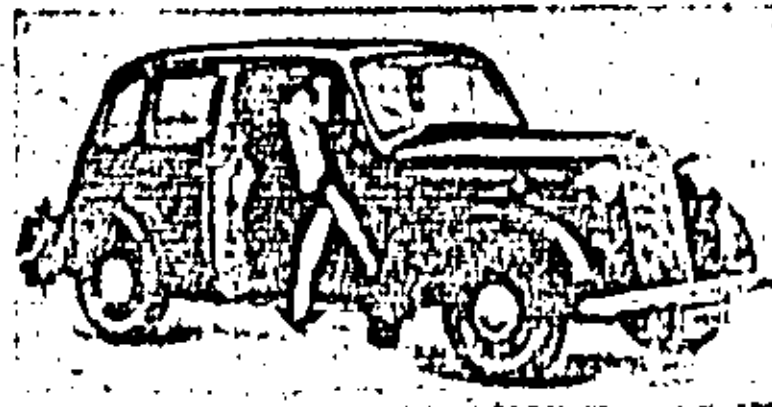
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Anzac Day

COLOUR was lent to the celebration of the 25th anniversary of Anzac Day in Hongkong this morning by the presence at the Cenotaph of a large number of young Australian naval personnel who, since the outbreak of war, have been attached to the China Squadron.

The presence of these Australians in the Far East is no secret; they were, indeed, the first Australians to proceed overseas in the war against Nazism and would, no doubt, give as good an account of themselves if the occasion arose as did their fathers on the famous slopes of Gallipoli a quarter of a century ago.

It was not only the sons of the Anzacs who attended the simple ceremony at the Cenotaph this morning. Among the many people who participated in or were spectators of the wreath-laying ceremonies were no small number who were actual participants in the Gallipoli Landing.

You saw them in the uniforms of the British Army and the British Navy; a trifle grey, now, around the temples, but still ready to jump into the same maelstrom of fire in defence of the Empire they love.

You saw them, too, in civilian clothes, members of the small family of Hongkong residents who recalled, as the bugles sounded at 11 a.m., the hail of death that greeted them as they plunged ashore on April 25, 1915.

They are the men who have attended every Anzac Day observance in Hongkong, for they choose this day in which to pay homage, during the two minutes' Silence, to those of their comrades who did not participate in the Evacuation.

Hongkong is proud to join with these Anzac and English veterans of Gallipoli in our midst in welcoming to this Colony the sturdy young men who, in joining the Royal Navy units on the China Station at the outbreak of war last September, were the vanguard of the expeditionary forces which both Australia and New Zealand have already sent overseas in response to the call of the Motherland.

Soldiers of Australia, soldiers of New Zealand are already in the Near East, ready to guard the vital lands and communications in what may yet well become the major battlefield of the war.

On the safe defence of the Middle and Near East against totalitarian attack may well depend the survival of the free Dominions of Colonies such as Hongkong, as well as of the Motherland.

Nothing should make the peoples of this mighty Empire rejoice more than the quick decision of the Dominions to give not merely moral, but practical, help in the present mortal struggle.

If the spectacle of mass cruelty and oppression and lies in Nazified Europe appals you, remember the free British nations that stand without. Remember Socialist New Zealand, which has turned unanimously from the building up of a great social experiment to the grimier job of defending the hard-won right of free-nations to exist at all.

When you remember that—and remember too the heroic achievements of the Anzacs twenty-five years ago to-day—you will feel no doubt at all about the issue of the present war.

TO-DAY is the 25th ANNIVERSARY of the GALLIPOLI LANDING

The STORY of the ANZACS

TWENTY-FIVE years ago a Tommy was sitting beside the Suez Canal, watching one great transport after another steam slowly by. Puzzled by the unusual uniforms of the troops, he sang out: "What are you?"

Across the water there rolled out the chorus ANZACS. The word had just been coined from the letters of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps, for the first mixed Corps from the Antipodes to enter a theatre of war this side of the globe.

In the last war the German raider Emden missed the convoy of Anzacs which comprised 38 transports and 30,000 men—by only 52 miles as she and they steamed across the Indian Ocean with lights out. Then H.M.A.S. Sydney fought, smashed and beached the German.

The A.I.F. numbered roughly 20,000 Diggers (slang for gold-miners who dig gold from the ground but adopted to describe the Aussie soldier in general) in the first convoy. Then Australia had a population of only 4,750,000, yet by the end of the war she had sent armies overseas which totalled 225,000 men. The Commonwealth lost 59,342 dead and 168,810 Diggers were wounded. The war cost the Dominion £439,000,000.

The first contingent of Anzacs in the last war included 10,000 New Zealanders. Then their country contained only a million people, but 98,950 soldiers were sent to assist Britain. They lost 10,050 killed and at the Armistice there were 52,000 troops in the field with 10,000 waiting to join them or in training.

Anzacs served last time on battlefields which ranged from the bitter cold of the North Russian coast to the steamy jungles of the Pacific Islands. But above all they covered themselves with glory in their baptism of fire. When they rushed the Turkish defences at Gallipoli on that bloody dawn of April 25, 1915, they established their prowess as assault troops.

Seven "Turks" were killed. Crosses, 1,756 Distinguished Conduct Medals, and 1,032 decorations by 12 foreign countries.

The first V.C. was Lance-Corporal Jacka. Defending Courtney's Post on Gallipoli, his four mates were killed and the post was rushed by "Turks" and "Jacks" with such vigour that he succeeded in shooting five of them and then he bayoneted the remaining two. Now Diggers are still proud to refer to themselves as "Jacka's Mob."

The record of the New Zealanders is as brilliant. Ten per cent of the male population served in khaki.

The early history of New Zealand troops is bound up with that of the Australians with whom they were brigaded. The occupation of Samoa was, however, an "all-New Zealand show," and the New Zealand division played its full part in the defence of the Suez Canal and the historic landing on Gallipoli.

As a separate unit in France, the N.Z. Division took part in all the bitter fighting after the 1917 Flanders offensive and earned the highest praise from General Birdwood.

Now the new set-up of the Second German War is, curiously, bringing Anzacs to meet the Turk again. Whether they will be fighting shoulder to shoulder is not for me to forecast at the moment, but I can say on behalf of every Anzac that they learnt to respect the Turk as a good, hard, clean fighter.

When ex-enemies meet, mutual respect having been established 25 years ago.

THE recent embarkation of the end A.I.F. in Australia, measured by the standard of boisterous farewells accorded the old A.I.F., was a tame affair. Any old Digger reading of the troopships sneaking away would do so with a feeling that the army has gone to the pack.

The old send-offs were very lively and everyone seemed to be in them. The wharves at Circular Quay were always so crowded that there was danger of people falling into the sea. The crowd spilled over the roofs of wharf sheds, the only unoccupied places. Even the police stationed there abandoned duties to join the fun, realising, quite properly, that there was nothing else for it. If the police still were in possession of their helmets after the last Digger ascended the gangway, the civil force was quite satisfied.

Everyone seemed to know everyone else and talked and shouted and made endearing farewells to each other as intimate friends do. The whole period of the send-offs lasted from parade dismissal on the day prior to em-

barkation, when late leave was granted all troops through the night, and well into the next day. Instead, they lasted until the transport turned north at Bradley's Head, near the Hitler's entrance, for it was there that the speed of transports was so great for the numerous launches and ferries to keep abreast. So, in a sense we just left them, and the send-offs petered out.

But not all send-offs were quite so gay and joyous. The old nth's was not. It was a mistake, of course, for someone had blundered.

Queensland's crack artillery brigade had been transferred to Sydney. We had a triumphal entry and for our street march the city's tramway service was suspended and all other traffic deflected from the line of march. Crowds blocked the streets surrounding Central Station, and all along the circuitous route to Marrieville. Here we occupied the famous Addison Road Barracks. We were the first troops to billet in the new brick buildings.

Nothing could have been finer. For 80 days we lived in Sydney and made many friends. For 80 nights, no, 80 nights, we made whoopee, for the 80th night was a mournful fiasco.

THE 90th night in Sydney was our last before embarking for Egypt, and by any estimation should have been our best.

Our last parade took the usual form. We were addressed by the church, medical profession, and high military command. A most earnest person exhorted us not to forget our prayers. A medical man warned us that we were going to a tropical country where customs would be strange. He implored us to be discreet in all things, and never fail to boil water before drinking it. The military man, zealous in honour, did not say much, but we understood that we were to play the game. He quoted "King's Rules and Regs" until we quaked.

We shook hands with several governors—from prisons, as well as States—were introduced collectively to our medical officer, and numerous staff jobbies, and all members of the unit confined to barracks for petty indiscretions were granted freedom. This last, we understood the high command to say, was something new in the annals of His Majesty's Forces.

It was usual for embarking troops to have a temporary furlough of the city. On dismissal from our last parade in Australia we smartly turned right, saluted, cheered uproariously and bolted to dress. Within half an hour the



barracks was deserted and the troops were ranging far and wide over Sydney. All had dates to keep and places to go.

Here was where someone blundered. A last-minute discovery was that the nth brigade had not had a dental inspection before embarkation. The difficulty arose as to how the scattered troops were to be rounded up and brought back to barracks. It was, indeed, a problem in pre-warless days.

THE police—military and civil—were enlisted to round up N.C.O.'s, gunners, drivers, and signallers, and escort them to barracks. Trams were commandeered as conveyances, and wildly protesting troops almost dumped them into the harbour. By midnight the painful affair was in full swing, although many troops remained to be mustered. Rumour was at work and some of the men, playing safe, evaded capture.

Resident dentists were called out, and the picture houses were scoured for dentists to make examinations and extractions. With dozens of embarking cobs I was marshalled into line by ferocious N.C.O.'s, who spat blood, and ticked off our names as we entered the improvised dental room. A double guard was mounted at the entrance. "Was posted at the exit for the troops soon discovered, amid such confusion, a means of passing through the room without examination.

Within, several dentists were hard at work. With a curiosity engendered by fear men examined each other's teeth and ineptly assessed the pain to be endured by the extraction of several molars. "Come on, boy. Sit down Open your mouth. Ah, yes." And for-cops and the strong wrist of the dentist did their bit.

"Right O, you're next. What,

coke? Why, they're falling out, man. Hold your head up. Ah, there you are. Only three. Good man. Run along, son."

Each dentist had an enamelled dish tin in which he dropped extracted teeth. They were in varying stages of fullness and numerous, molars and incisors were scattered around. Great blobs of blood mixed with them created a crazy floor pattern in the dazzling electric light.

"What? No, just a couple. Soon be over. You don't! But it's costing you nothing. Stop biting. Hurry up, get out."

There was a trail of blood down the exit steps, across the parade ground, and into the barracks. The gentle growled, the ungentle swore, but all spat blood, swabbed their mouths, and nursed their torn jaws.

THE march to the troopship was very quiet and the brigade may have been sneaking up to the line to engage in a night action. All were very dejected. We were abroad. When lites were stored we glumly lined the ship's rails. The crowd cheered, threw coloured paper streamers to us, and shouted, "ARE WE DOWN-HEARTED?" There was no answer. It was pitiable to see hundreds of troops holding the gay, shimmering streamers without enthusiasm. Their swollen jaws prohibited the usual long-drawn answering "Coo-ees" so characteristic of farewells.

As if sharing the mood of the troops which filled her, the transport slowly and sullenly drew from the crowded wharf, in what must have been one of the quietest send-offs from Australia.

Ex-Dig

The SHIPS that SWEEP the SEA

By CAPTAIN FRANK H. SHAW

IF trawlers are the Navy's general servants in time of war, drifters are the twentier—the odd-job craft. Smaller and even handier than the deep-sea fishing boats, they come in useful when something new and vicious, such as the new enemy mines, demands attention.

You can rely on them, too—they and their hardy crews have been injured through their lives and fighting lives—to lick spots of the sea even when it is trying its worst to do them down.

The North Sea, their home, and stamping-ground, is notoriously the most savage stretch of water used by man. It can be braced the biggest sort of storm; it abounds in reefy lee-shores, and ugly sandbanks; it specializes in fog and "muck" with twisty tides and unforeseeable currents; it provides a harvest of herring offering a reward so transient that it must be gleaned quickly despite the weather.

It is this having to go for the herring, come what may—hell or high water—that makes the drifter men the sea-dogs they are—capable, on biting to the bone and hanging on like grim death.

A Cape Horn Night

Just before war was declared, I was out in a drifter when herring were running big on the Dogger. The night on which the drifter set forth was placid, moonlight, and serene. "I'd like to see some weather!" I told my friendly skipper. "If you can find it." "We'll find it!" he said with grim cheerfulness. And we did, sixty miles out, leaving calm for the raging fury of what might have been a Cape Horn night.

We were "washed down" from stem to stern; we cork-screwed, tied knots in our tails; the engines raced as if determined to twist off the screws. But we shot the drifts and made a good haul despite the weather.

That same drifter is now under Admiralty orders, and I shall be sorry for the mines, magnetic or not, that come its way.

Used to handling incredible lengths of net, these driftersmen are ideal for sweeping the menacing seas. It is nothing to them to shoot a couple of miles of surface net and drift slowly and snugly to leeward to the slight push of their hoisted mizzen throughout a whole night, with white water swirling their decks for a proper "old Neptune's washdown."

Catching the Mines

Hitler's secret weapon? The drifters are its counter—a pretty safe shield against wanton murder. Slow-drafted as they are they can take over most of the explosive horrors; but the dipped nets will snare the mines. If the taunted nets explode the mines—what of it? Better an incinerated net than a sunken ship—as likely as not holding innocent women and children!

Enemy craft are attempting to check the drifters' activities; but they will fail because there is no power out of Heaven that can deter a North Sea drifterman when he is set on a job.

A torpedo will pass under the drifters' keels. They are small targets for gunfire. Enemy aircraft have made poor bombing practice at

much bigger ships; they won't find lurking, tiny drifters good targets for their frightfulness. And if the Admiralty sees fit to arm them with, say, a high-angled pom-pom, the fisherfolk, who are not in the least afraid of death, will fight their tiny ships to the last.

Indeed, after fighting endless rounds with the choking death of the peace-time sea, the other sort of fish—swift and unexpected—may seem to hard-bitten men something in the nature of a mercy.

During my recent trip, remembering my varied experiences with the breed in the last war, I asked my skipper, who had seen that show-through from start to finish, what he would do in the event of war.

"Spitfire as many of the swine as I can," was his reply. "I've been thinkin' it out for twenty years."

He elaborated. He knew the underwater geography of the North Sea rather better than that of its surface. He knew the gullies where deep water would permit the travel of submarines, and he had them all charted—in his mind. He knew the criss-cross currents, the scour of a tide in a sou'-westerly wind. "They'll try to follow them tracks," he declared. "We have 'em taped—all of 'em."

And the up-to-date result of our anti-submarine campaign seems to bear out his boast. German submarines cannot possibly win against that traditional acumen and fearlessness.

Like Fish
"They bo'aves much like fish," said my skipper. "Well, we reckon to think like fish ourselves." And he winked emphatically.

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BESIEGED NAZI FORCE SURRENDERS TO ALLIES

Allied Success In Narvik Sector

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
STOCKHOLM, April 24 (UP).—Allied sources claim that an entire battalion of German troops in the Narvik sector surrendered to the Norwegians on Tuesday after being besieged and cut off from help for six days.

The Germans were surrounded in the village of Gratangen, 30 miles north of Narvik.

Prior to surrendering, 150 of the Germans were killed. Only 2,000 Germans now remain in the entire Narvik sector.

The Germans in Gratangen surrendered through lack of food, ammunition and shelter. A large quantity of modern automatic weapons was captured by the Norwegians.

Norwegian and Allied forces are now fighting their way towards Bjornefjell, on the Swedish frontier, and border territory of the railway from Narvik to the Swedish ore mines.

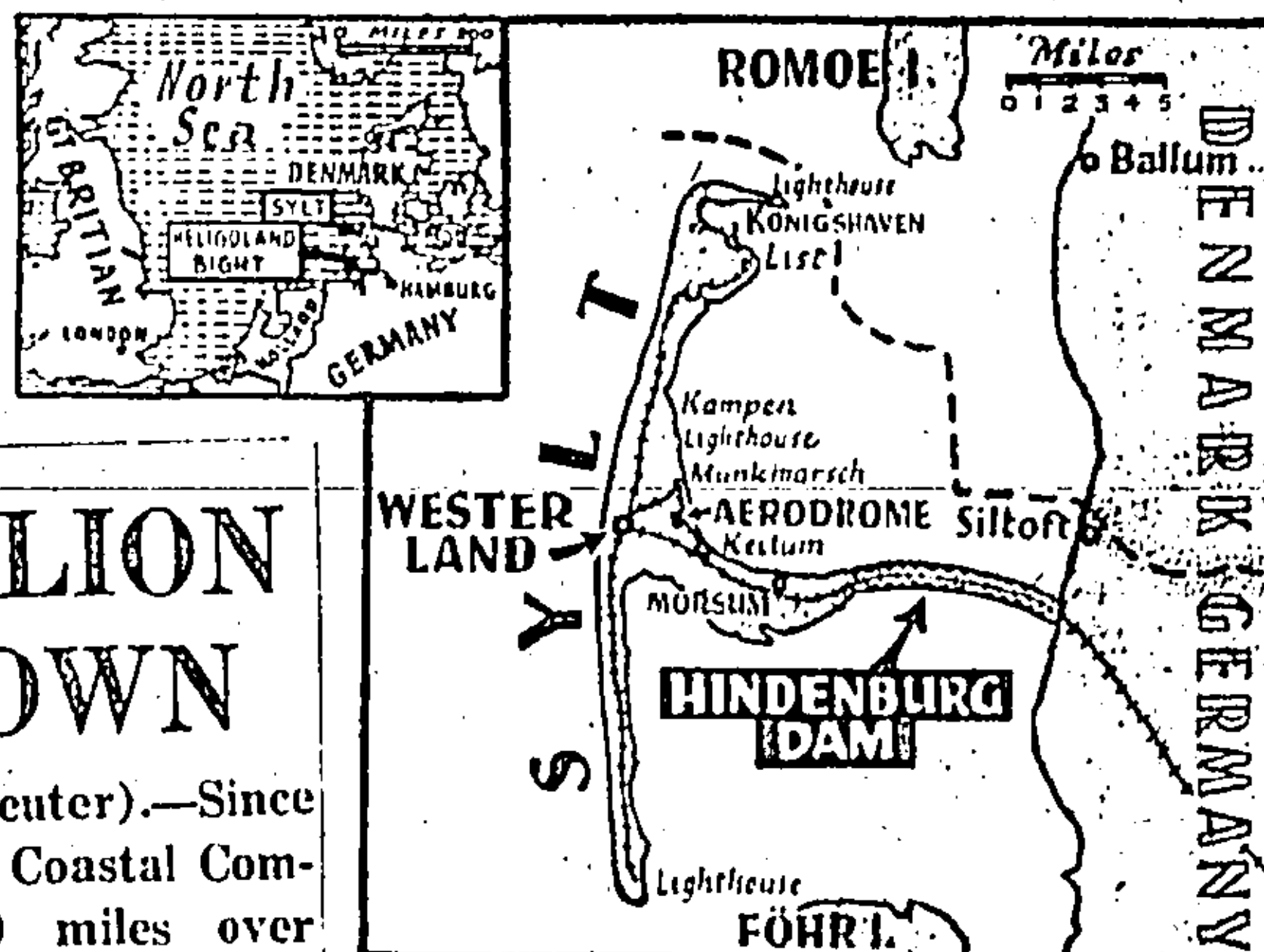
By establishing control of the railway, the Allies have broken the last line of retreat of the remaining Germans in the Narvik sector.

North Trondheim Fighting
LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—The news of fighting north of Trondheim PLEASE Turn To Page 9.

R.A.F. SEND 10,000 TON NAZI SHIP UP IN FLAMES



THIS REMARKABLE photograph taken by aircraft of the Coastal Command from a height of 9,000 feet over Kristiansand on April 9, shows clearly the fate of a 10,000 ton German merchant vessel (which is seen in left background with white smoke streaming away to the right), which was hit by bombs and set on fire as the ship was unloading troops and stores off Bergada Island. In the foreground is the town of Kristiansand and the Island of Oddero adjacent. Near the island can be seen a large transport at anchor, while in Haneviken Bay, southwest of Kristiansand can be seen three further German transports.—British Official Photograph.



New R.A.F. Raid on Sylt: Nazi Bases Destroyed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, April 24 (UP).—The Air Ministry announces that extensive bombing raids were carried out on the island of Sylt in Heligoland Bay to-day and yesterday.

The Westerland aerodrome, which is on the western side of the island, was the principal target.

It will be recalled that the R.A.F. machines concentrated their attentions on the Borkum aerodrome on the other side of the island in the last series of raids.

In to-day's raid, bombs were rained almost continually on the Westerland aerodrome for 100 minutes.

In addition to the raids on Sylt, British bombers continued the raids on Danish and Norwegian airports in Nazi hands.

Twenty German planes which were grounded on the Stavanger aerodrome were bombed just before dawn. A number of them are believed to have been destroyed and damaged.

R.A.F. planes which raided Christiansund concentrated their attention on the runways of the aerodrome and airport buildings, registering many effective hits.

Transports Bombed
Another raid was also carried out on the Oslo airport at Fornebu. One of the British planes detailed for the raid on Fornebu failed to reach its objective.

Just before reaching Oslo the plane sighted two German transports High explosive bombs played havoc.

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Year's First Air Raid On Chungking

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, Apr. 25 (UP).—For the first time this year, Japanese warplanes early this morning raided Chungking and dropped bombs on the outskirts of the city.

The raid was carried out at 1.40 a.m. and the machines came over in two flights.

Chungking's population took refuge inside the rocky dugouts which have now become a feature of the city's defenses, and had to remain there for a full four hours.

It is not yet known what damage was caused by the raiders, but whatever bombs were dropped fell only on the outskirts of the capital.

The renewal of Japanese air raids has been long expected and the Chungking authorities have spent the last four months in making adequate preparations against them.

PRISON VAN IN COLLISION

A prison van and a car were involved in a slight collision at the junction of Caine Road and Arbuthnot Road yesterday. A report was made to the Police by Chan Kuen, driver of the car. Slight damage was done to both vehicles.

DANES ARE NOT ENEMY ALIENS

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—Capt. C. Penke, Under-Secretary of State for Home Affairs, said to-day that it was not proposed to treat Danes resident in Britain as enemy aliens.

Many of them were anxious to assist Britain in the struggle against aggressive tyranny, of which Denmark has been made a victim.

Debating Position Of Greenland

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—The position of Greenland since the occupation of Denmark is still being considered by the United Kingdom and Canada.

This was announced in the House of Commons yesterday by Mr. R. A. Butler, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

DOGS BITE TWO EUROPEANS

Mr. Warburton, of Nathan Road, was bitten on the right hand by a dog while walking along the sea-front near Chatham Road yesterday. The dog was owned by Mrs. Stohman, and was muzzled and on a lead at the time of the incident. Mr. Warburton was treated at the Kowloon hospital, and the dog sent to Matauk for observation.

Mrs. Cryan, residing at No. 5 Leighton Hill Road, was bitten on the arm by a dog owned by Mrs. D. E. Davies. She was given medical aid and the dog was put under observation.

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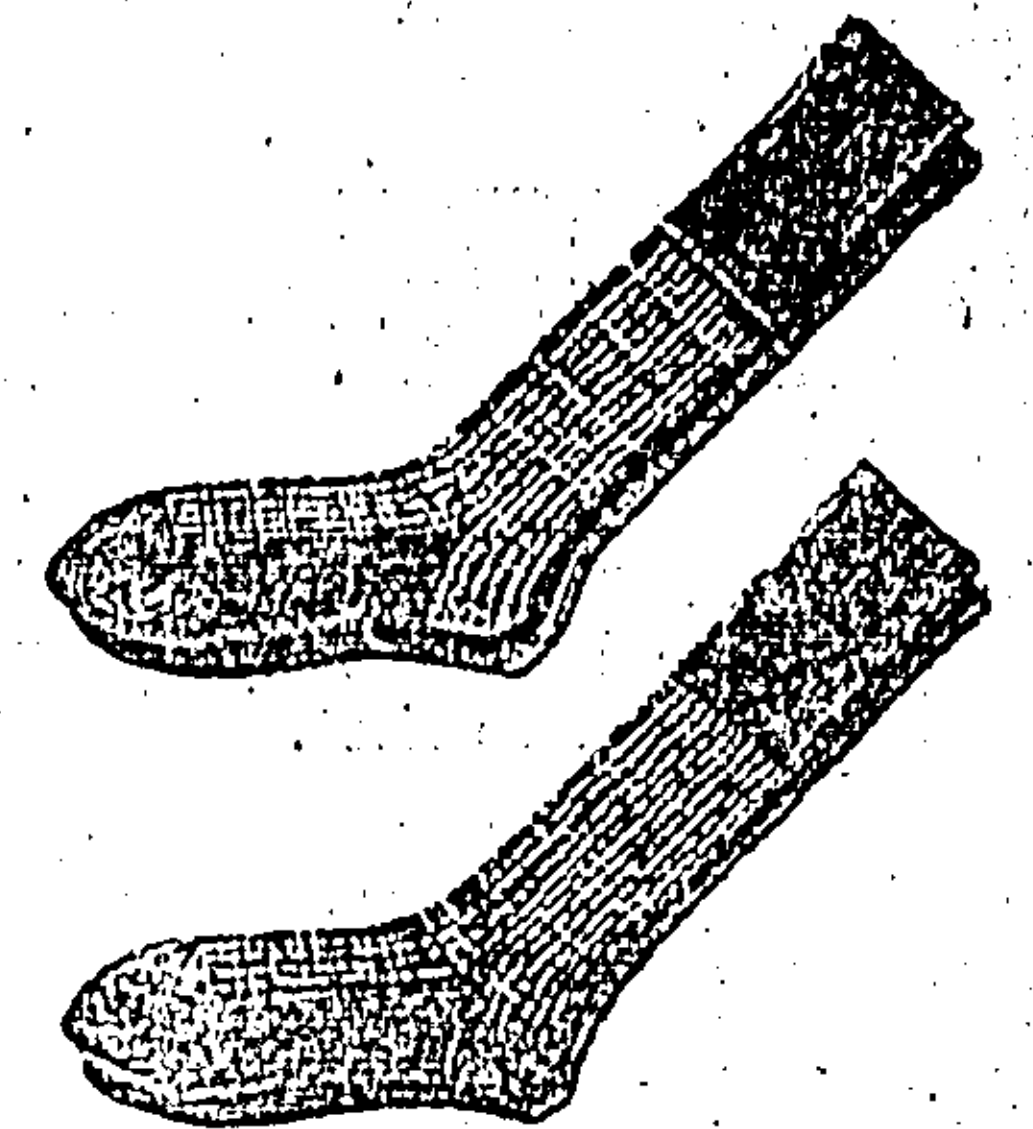
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Shooting Of Civilians

German Methods In Norway

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, was questioned regarding reports of Germans shooting civilians in Norway.

Mr. Butler replied that it appeared, from official German broadcasts on April 12 and 19, that the German High Command at Oslo had declared that any persons found fighting the German forces would be treated as franc-tireurs and would be shot. Some persons were already shot on this ground.

They also declared that every civilian carrying arms or committing acts of sabotage would be shot on the spot. They had in addition admitted having forced Norwegian civilians to drive German soldiers into the firing line in commandeered cars.

Comment on such methods of war was superfluous, said Mr. Butler, but

135 Danish Ships Held

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, April 24 (UP).—Since the German invasion of Denmark, 135 ships totalling between 50,000 and 60,000 tons have been detained at British ports throughout the Empire.

Britain intends to use the Danish ships for the duration of the war, after which they will be returned to Denmark.

The Danish merchant fleet totals approximately 725 vessels with a total tonnage of 1,150,000 gross.

Fatal Accident In Kowloon

The body of a small boy, Lai Ku, of 191 Apita Street, was sent to the Kowloon Public Mortuary yesterday. He was knocked down and killed by a lorry at Keelung Street near Nan-chang Street.

He was glad of the opportunity to make the fact known. British anti-aircraft defences, which are gradually being reinforced, have taken toll of some planes while others have been forced down by the severe weather.

"Pilgrim's" Hockey Notes

THE END OF THE SEASON

"Pilgrim's" Final Contribution

To-day's Notes will be "Pilgrim's" final contribution until the commencement of the next season.

NEW DERBY CALL-OVER

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuters).—The following is the latest call-over for the new Derby:

4/1 Diebe
5/1 Lighthouse
10/1 All others.

REVISION OF SHORT CORNER RULE

THE UMPIRES' ASSOCIATION will hold their last meeting of the season next Friday, the 27th, at 5.30 p.m. in St. Andrew's Church Hall.

At their last meeting, the Umpires' Association recommended to the H.K.H.A. that the new revised Short Corner Rule is to come into force at the beginning of next season in all friendly fixtures. Services included, and umpires to keep a record of goals scored.

What is the purpose of the short corner? As I see it, this penalty is given to enable the attackers to obtain a reasonable chance of getting a goal which they were prevented from getting by an infringement of the Rules by a defender in the circle.

What chance have the attackers of getting a goal from a short corner? Taking average Club hockey, i.e. senior and junior elevens, I suppose one would estimate that goals are scored in not more than 20 to 25 per cent. of short corners taken, or even much less than that.

Is this percentage sufficient? I am told by soccer enthusiasts that infringements under similar conditions in soccer results in a goal being scored in 90 per cent. of the kicks taken as a result of the infringement, and by rugby enthusiasts that an infringement under similar conditions results in a goal being scored in 50 per cent. of the kicks taken.

CONSIDERATION DESERVED

ALTHOUGH the hockey administrators may have no wish to be influenced by these points, there is no doubt that the fact deserves consideration, especially now that the abolition of hooking sticks and foot-play have rendered infringements more frequent, particularly in foot-play.

I have heard it said that backs do occasionally obstruct with the foot, to save what would have been a certain goal, and so risk a short corner which they know is very likely to be uncovered. This, in the latter case, would now be a penalty bully.

It remains to be seen how effective the revised short corner rule will be next season. Much has been said and written about the existing short corner rule and its failure to meet the modern requirements of the game. I am still of the opinion that a really practical solution would be

Final Competition On Sunday

C.B.A.'s Excellent Tournament Record

THE SIX-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT next Sunday will bring the men's hockey season to a conclusion. The women ended a successful season last week, the champion teams being Caer Clark Cup champions—the "Y" Ladies; runners-up—the St. Andrew's Ladies; Brawn Cup Champions—Argonauta Ladies; runners-up—Diocesan Girls' School.

The Hongkong Hockey Association Tournament also ended last week, with the Radio Sports Club, champions for the second year in succession. Viewing the tournament table, one realises how close the games have been with regard to points. Four teams, Radio, C.B.A., R.E. and Police have been in close running for the championship honours, and after the final encounter only two points separated the winners from the runners-up, and one point separated the runners-up and teams occupying third and fourth places.

Thanks to the good work of the Secretary of the Umpires Association and the umpires, everything was run smoothly in spite of postponements in the preliminary stages of the tournament. Several close duels were fought between the first five teams, and the standard of play has been of a very high order.

BIGGEST SURPRISE

PERHAPS the biggest surprise of the season was the defeat of the C.B.A. in the final. C.B.A. reached the final with an undefeated record, scoring 31 goals and having only eight against them. A fine achievement which speaks well for their sharpshooters, the Fowler brothers—Syd, George and Ernie—and the capable goalkeeping of Terry Lockhart, their brilliant young custodian. Radio Sports Club, the champions, suffered only one defeat, and that was at the hands of the youthful Nomads XI. The Radlomen are experienced tournament players, and boast of at least five ex-Interporters in their team. The outstanding players have been U. B. Souza, in goal, the veteran Gusti Singh, at right-back, M. H. Hassan, at centre-half, and G. Singh and J. M. Pinto in the attack.

It was a good final, and due probably to a hard and fast pitch which was to their advantage, the Radio emerged winners by 2-1.

The wooden-spoonists, as one will also notice from the tournament table, are the R.A.O.C. The Corps started well, but as most of the star players were ordered home early in the season, it was unfortunate that their places could not be filled by players as good. Eventually, several walks-over had to be given by the team as they found it impossible to run a side owing to shortage of men.

found in retaining the present short corner, but with some amendments. A complete cure would be—A penalty bully to be taken for all infringements by the defenders in the circle, instead of a short corner.

POLICE FORTUNATE TO DRAW WITH MACAO

Portuguese Forwards Fail Within Circle

THE HONGKONG POLICE accomplished a good performance last Sunday at Macao by holding the home team to a 1-1 draw. In the first half, the very bumpy state of the ground seemed to upset the Police defence, whilst the home team never relaxed, and were quick to realise the futility of accurate and long passing on a difficult pitch.

By keeping the ball close, making ground, and drawing their men, they took the lead through F. Nolasco after nine minutes' play. Balwant Singh made a partial clearance, but Nolasco ran in to score off the rebound.

In this half, the home team took the lead mainly due to their superior forward play and combination. Police front line rather delayed their passes, and played into the hands of the Macao defence, which was very sound.

After forcing at least eight short corners, however, the Portuguese could make no further headway against a stout police resistance.

POLICE IMPROVE

AFTER the change of ends, the game was more even. The Police defence was more settled, and their forwards took advantage of the many good openings made by their halves—Leslie, Mehar Singh and Brown, who showed considerable improvement.

Giving as much as they received, the visitors equalised ten minutes before the end through Jasbir Singh. The Police centre-forward, in a fine solo effort, broke through, and after he had enticed Almada out of goal, found the net with ease.

The Police were best served by their defence, with Balwant Singh, in goal, playing a good game throughout. In the attack, Fauja Singh, on the right wing, was outstanding, with Wall and Narwant Singh rendering good work on the left flank. Parker, playing in his first game at inside-right, was slow and gave Jasbir Singh, his leader, very little support.

FINE UNDERSTANDING

THE feature of the game was the complete understanding shown in Macao's team-work. Rosario was excellent as full-back, and A. Alroza, at centre-half, was prominent in prompting a fast moving forward line with excellent passes—to both wings—at the same time holding the Police inside trio. The moving of F.

Six-a-side Tourney Rules To Remain

THE SIX-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT will take place at King's Park next Sunday, commencing at 2 p.m. sharp.

At the last Council meeting, it was decided that the Six-a-side Rules were to remain as they are, and Umpires are reminded that Rule 5 (c) remains unaltered, and reads:

"The result shall be decided by the position of the ball at the full time, whilst, the team in whose half of the field the ball is situated being the losers."

There are at present about 30 team entries, and Club Secretaries are reminded that entries close to-day—post entries will not be accepted.

Enthusiasts wishing to enjoy a good afternoon of keen sport should not hesitate in finding their way to King's Park this coming Sunday.

Nolasco to inside-right added speed to the front line.

There was little doubt that Macao were the better team. A draw did not represent the difference between the sides, since, had the home forwards finished off their excellent approach work by more incisive tactics in the circle, they would have registered more goals.

The game was fast, and, at times, ragged.

Tournament Table

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
Radio S.C.	9	8	1	0	25	12	16
C.B.A.	9	6	1	2	34	8	14
R. Engineers	9	5	1	3	24	14	13
Police	9	5	2	2	12	8	12
Recreio	9	4	3	2	7	11	10
Nomads	9	4	4	1	15	18	9
Royal Signals	7	1	5	1	5	20	3
K.I.T.C.	7	1	5	1	3	14	3
University	7	1	0	6	8	21	2
R.A.O.C.	5	0	5	0	1	0	0

International Tournament Cancelled

DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES, the International Tournament has been cancelled this season, and the winners v. Rest match has also been abandoned.

The Association Tournament has come to stay, and I shall not be surprised to see a larger entry of Clubs next season.

TOURNAMENT TENNIS

SINGLES SEMI-FINAL ABANDONED IN BAD LIGHT

(By "Tinkor")

AT A STAGE when it was quite on the cards that Tsui Wai-pui, present Open Singles champion, might have been defeated by his younger brother, Tsui Yun-pui, their Singles semi-final at the Hongkong Cricket Club yesterday was abandoned owing to bad light with each player having won two sets and four games.

The complete scores were (Tsui Wai-pui first) 2-6, 6-4, 7-5, 3-6, 4-4.

There was no question of the fairness of the decision to abandon the match at that stage, for it would not have been fair to either player to have continued in such a deceptive light.

The excitement of the last set reached its peak when Tsui Yun-pui climbed into a 4-2 lead, but on a surprising number of errors dropped not only the seventh game, but also the eighth which was on his own service, which hitherto had scarcely failed him. To many of the spectators, it was something of an anti-climax.

The whole match, however, had been conspicuous for its lack of vitality (the American word "punch" explains it better). When least expected, some of the feeblest of strokes were made. There was little wrong with the strokes-production, little with the tactics or with the accuracy. Yet the applause was far from being as hearty as one would have expected from such a match as yesterday's.

ON THE DEFENSIVE

To Tsui Yun-pui, however, must go the credit of having, for the first time in the Hongkong Tournament, made his brother play on the defensive. Throughout the match, Tsui

Yun-pui had been showing a repeated lack of accuracy in his deep drives and placings, and in the fifth set, Tsui Wai-pui contented himself with sending the ball back over the net, waiting for his brother to make those errors which he did. There was only a slight margin of error—but it was a failure.

In startling comparison to his brother's service was Tsui Wai-pui's. He gave away on the second game of the first set on four double faults! The younger Tsui, on the other hand, had been sending over perfect "aces", and because of this his failure in the eighth game of the fifth set was the more disappointing.

SUPERIOR CONTROL

IT must be conceded to the elder Tsui that many of his brother's mistakes were forced by superior control and placing—especially in the second and third sets.

Tsui Yun-pui commenced serving, and games reached 2-all, when he took the next four in a row. In the final game, on his brother's service, though being led 40-15 he was able to win the game and set.

Tsui Wai-pui won the first game of the second set, and after losing the next, went into a lead of 4-1. He then dropped several valuable points to allow his brother to climb up to 3-4. But after two games had

followed service; and he was leading 5-4, he won the tenth game on his own service for the set.

STERNER STRUGGLE

THE third set was a sterner struggle. Tsui Wai-pui led 4-2 and then 5-3, before Tsui Yun-pui stormed his way to 5-all, and then on his own service gave his brother a 6-5 lead which was increased to 7-6 for the set.

The fourth set saw the champion leading 2-0 before Tsui Yun-pui claimed his first game, but thereafter the latter lost but on further game in his climb to 6-3.

The final set was the most tense. Both players soon reverted to the defensive, and though the latter none of their former sting, there was a noticeably greater care being taken over them. Duces were called three times before Tsui Yun-pui won the sixth game to lead 4-2. The light had already begun to fall, and when his brother took both the next games, it was only fair to abandon the match.

To-day's Programme

The other semi-final which was abandoned last Thursday, when each of the Rumlahn cousins, S.A. and H.D., had won two sets, will be replayed to-day.

Girl Basketball Tourists Defeated For First Time

THE CHUNG HWA Girls' Basketball team, touring team from the Philippines, met with their first defeat of the series of charity matches played here for the Chinese Wounded and Refugee funds, at the hands of the Hongkong Stars at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. yesterday, when they were beaten 27 points to 23.

The visitors opened the scoring through Cary Ong, and looked as if they would repeat their former performances. This early reverse far from daunting the Hongkong players, only served to settle them and they replied with three goals. Hongkong's guards kept a close watch over Alice Chen, but she nevertheless scored a further three goals for her side.

Chai Chai-chun was the best forward on view, and the most prolific scorer for the Hongkong side. She was indirectly responsible for the best part of the Hongkong score, and combined well with Lee Shun-ye to enable that player to score 8 points (4 goals) besides scoring 14 points (7 goals) herself.

Alice Chen, captain of the visitors, who has shown such remarkable ability to score from foul shots, appeared unsettled by adverse decisions, and was only able to secure five points from a large number of foul shots. She was seen to better advantage at scoring goals, netting a total of eight.

Miss Josefa Go was a tower of strength at guard and to her goes the credit for saving the side from a bigger defeat.

HONGKONG LEAD

BOTH TEAMS tied in the first half, sharing 20 points. In the second half, Hongkong sprang into the lead after some excellent work by Chan Chai-chun. Towards the end of the quarter Ng Shiu-sum replaced Chan to enable that player to gain a sideswipe. Hongkong led 17 to 12.

In the third quarter, both teams played cautiously. Alice Chen missed several foul shots. The score at the end of the third quarter being 21 to 10, Hongkong still leading.

TEAM CHANGES

HELEN WONG was changed for Victoria Tan in the third quarter, while Hongkong replaced Ngau Sau-yung for Chan Wai-hing. In the last few minutes of the game, excellent rebound fever pitched. Both teams were straining, Manila to force a draw, Hongkong to clinch matters. When Lee Shun-ye scored a goal in the last minute the crowd gave vent to deafening burst of cheering for both teams on a splendid performance.

HONGKONG

	No. of Fouls	Goals	Foul Goals
Lee Shun-ye	1	4	1
Chan Chai-chun	2	7	1
Ng Shiu-sum	1	2	1
Ngau Sau-yung	2	1	1
Chan Wai-hing	1	1	1
Lau Sui-ying	1	1	1
Suen Yuk-ming	1	1	1
Total points	10	21	7

MANILA

	No. of Fouls	Goals	Foul Goals
Alice Chen	1	0	0
Victoria Tan	1	1	1
Ng Shiu-sum	1	1	1
Cary Ong	1	1	1
Josefa Go	1	1	1
Sally Wong	1	1	1
Katie Chan	1	1	1
Total points	7	6	6

South China Beaten In Opening Game

THE South China Basketball team, last year's league champions, met the Sing Tao squad, runners-up, in a curtain raiser for the girls' match, and were severely trounced by 35 points to 21.

The winners were a better balanced side. They displayed excellent com-

Acceptors For The 2,000 Guineas

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuters).—The following are the final acceptors for the new 2,000 Guineas which will be run at Newmarket on May 11:

Through The Mist, Black Toni, Djebel, Saguenay, Lighthouse II, Bon Accord, Bald Arrow, Prince Teira, El Morocco, Epiphany, Stardust, Turkish, Tant, Meux, Luculus, Romulus, Fant Test, The Druid, Hipulus, Nuit de Noce, Congratulations, Adies, Ridley, Bladen.

SOUTH CHINA "B" DEFEAT "A" BY 3-1

By "Rex"

South China "A" and "B" met in a First Division league match at Caroline Hill yesterday, the Junior team winning by three goals to one. South China "A" was unable to field their full side; South China "B" could not field a team with the result that the game amounted to almost a farce.

In Pak-wah, "A" left winger was seen at goal, while Cheung Moon-wing, another left winger, was seen in the "B" goal. Both gave excellent performances.

After much lacadaidical play, Lam Tak-po sent a nice pass to Hau Yung-sang, playing at right wing, for the latter to try with a hard drive which was helped into the net by Hau Fook-yuen.

ONE OF THE BEST

KWOK YING-KEE at centre-forward for "B" showed an attitude for that position, his dribbling and weaving amounting at times to brilliancy.

The second half was a repetition of the first with only a few players making an effort to play football. Notable among the serious players were Lam Tak-po and Hau Yung-sang for the "B", and Lau Tau-man and Ip Pak-wah for the "A".

South China "B" increased their lead when Tam Woon-cheng could not help but score from Tan Ching-keung's pass. A nice movement by Tang Shek-hang and Chan Yiu-shing saw the former put in the "A's" lone goal.

Lo Chin-kuen was top scorer for Sing Tao with 11 points (5 goals, 1 foul goal) to his credit, followed by Lai Tak-hit (3 goals).

For South China, Shek Chan-tut led with 7 points (3 goals, 1 foul goal) followed by Chan Ling 5 points (5 foul goals).

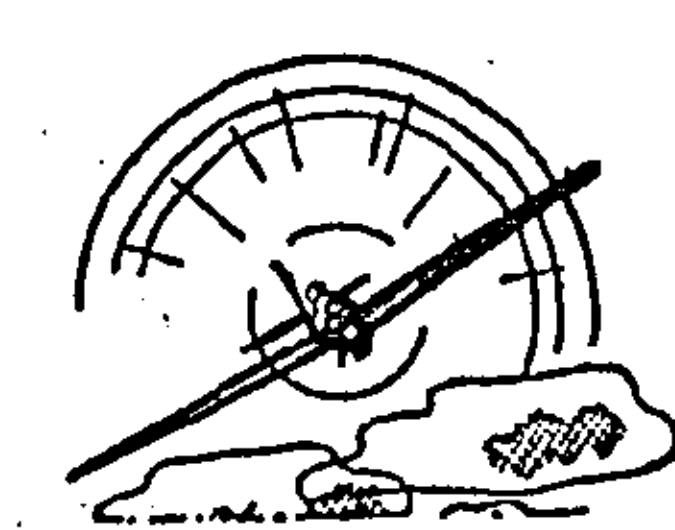
A furious pace was maintained throughout the game. Sing Tao quickly sprang into the lead which they never lost. They were the sterner team.

When the tide swung against them, South China began raising objections, and their behaviour was greeted by hisses and boos from the crowd.

Sing Tao led 24 points to 7 in the first half, when their forwards figured in some excellent shooting. In the second half, Sing Tao scored only 11 more points, and most of them from fouls.

South China's forwards displayed more combination in this half and managed 14 points, mainly due to the absence of Lee Siu-ming, who was retired with four fouls.

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Shots Fired At Escaping Internee

A daring attempt at escape from the Internment Camp in Argyle Street was made by a Chinese soldier, Leung Ting-chun, about 4 p.m. yesterday.

He climbed the barbed wire at the west side of the camp, and, when challenged by two sentries, ignored the order to stop. Two shots were fired, but both missed.

After negotiating the wire fence, Leung ran on, but was intercepted by Mr. J. James of the P.W.D. who was passing by. Leung was brought back to the camp and later handed over to the Police.

BESIEGED NAZI FORCE SURRENDERS TO ALLIES

(Continued from Page 1.)

In about the clearest of the many reports received from frontier regions.

On Tuesday night, the War Office said that this resulted from a German counter-attack. The Germans themselves say that the engagement lasted for two hours.

Operations in this sector seem to be along the road and railway from Namsos where the Allied troops have landed.

Yesterday the Nazis claimed to have captured Steinkjer but the Allies have once or twice been reported below this town.

Seek Control Of Road

Frontier reports say that fighting for control of the road is still in progress.

The Germans are trying to strike north through two valleys running parallel from the Oslo plains.

A third valley, Gudbrandsdal, seems to be completely in Allied hands within a few miles of Hamar.

Here the Allies are reported to be sending a steady stream of reinforcements advance guards who came to the assistance of the Norwegians at Lillehammer.

Nazis Making Progress

Further west through another valley the German troops are trying to reach a beleaguered garrison at Trondheim.

The Nazis seem to be making some progress.

The Norwegians are resisting stoutly.

It is expected that the Allied troops moving across the country will attack the German troops.

The Germans may still find themselves cut off from Trondheim by the Allied troops advancing from Støren, which is immediately south of the besieged port.

German Counter Attack

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—A War Office communique says that the "Trondheim" area the counter-attack referred to in yesterday's communique was delivered by a considerable number of German troops landed from ships within Trondheim Fjord.

After some sharp fighting, our troops succeeded in re-establishing the situation.

There is nothing further to report about operations elsewhere.

Norwegians Hold Ridge

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—A correspondent of the "Aften Bladet" at Trysil, north east of Oslo, says that the Norwegians are holding a ridge near the Swedish frontier.

Their resistance surprised the Germans, who expected slight resistance. One energetic volunteer officer inspired the men.

The correspondent says that 200 Germans have been killed in this sector since yesterday.

Nazis Advancing

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—Latest newspaper reports state that the German centre to the north of Oslo has reached the neighbourhood of Koppang, 50 miles to the north of Elverum.

The Allies are rushing troops to meet this advance.

Won't Surrender

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 24 (UP).—Although they are apparently reduced to dire straits as a result of the surrender of their battalion at Gratangen, the Germans in Narvik itself still show no signs of surrender.

The fighting at Narvik is continuing without any special vigour on the part of the Allies, whose forces are concentrated at Falangen and on the slopes of Fagernes Mountain.

The British forces wish to spare Narvik the horror of bombardment, and appear content to wait until the Germans are starved out.

One Battalion Surrenders

The surrender of the German battalion in Gratangen is the first victory achieved by the Norwegians in this sector.

The strategy leading to the capitulation was entirely Norwegian.

The Norwegian troops formed a trap into which they lured the Nazis and then cut off their retreat.

The Germans were reduced to such a state of weakness that they had no choice but to surrender.

Mountaineers Fight Nazis

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".—STOCKHOLM, Apr. 24 (UP).—Picked Tyrol mountaineers, Norwegian alpinists, and Canadians from the snow-mountains are opposing the German forces in the snow-clad heights of Rombak.

Allies Near Trondheim.—SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".—PARIS, Apr. 24 (UP).—Military sources here say that the Germans are counter-attacking the Allied forces in the Trondheim area.

The British and French forces are now landing in Trondheim Fjord, a few miles from the city itself.

STEAMBOAT COMPANY HAS BAD YEAR

The report presented when the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company Ltd. held its 120th ordinary annual meeting at the offices of the Company in Queen's Building at noon to-day disclosed that the Company had been hard hit by the troubled conditions in the Far East. A loss for the year of \$173,985.04 was disclosed.

NANCY

has gone astray in the American mails. She will resume her adventures next week.

Amongst these was the closing of the Cap Si Mun Pass to river steamers. The new passage via the Lamna Channel means a much longer journey for the steamers, and exposure to inclement weather.

It is with sincere regret that I record here to-day the death in December last year of the late Mr. Walter Hung, the Manager of Company's Chinese Department. Mr. Hung had succeeded his father, the late Mr. Hung Tsze-ye, and had been in the Company's service for seven years. He served the Company with ability and devotion.

The Company's Taishan has just been replaced by the Chungshan in the Macao Line service. The cost of operation has advanced to the stage where your directors consider it inadvisable to keep the Taishan in commission, though they hope that the lay-up of the steamer will only be temporary.

As you will have seen from the directors' report an invitation to join the Board was, in June last year, extended to Mr. L. B. Wood. I need hardly say that the Board was much gratified at Mr. Wood's acceptance of the invitation, and I feel sure that the shareholders will show their pleasure and gratification by their ready confirmation of his appointment as a director.

Although the matter does not relate to the period under review, I feel sure that you will be glad to know that last month, a vacancy having occurred on the Board, an invitation to join the Directorate was also extended to Mr. D. L. Newbigging, and that you will be as much gratified as were the directors at Mr. Newbigging's acceptance.

River Shipping Combine?—As I ventured to remark to you last year, "unless it is generally recognised and appreciated that adventuring in the river trade can prove to be costly, I fear that we must continue to expect the worst." I am happy to say that from various indications it would seem that the truism that cut-throat competition, by resorting to reducing fares to absolutely uneconomic levels, can do no good to anyone, is now more generally recognised. When I mention that at the worst period of such

competition it was possible to travel to Macao for about H.K.\$0.08, my point will be readily understood. At long last a combine of the river shipping companies has been mooted, and if such a combine should materialise, as the directors hope it will, then at least some of the ill effects of the suicidal competition can be eliminated.

I can only say that, in my view, the immediate prospects are not bright, and that we should not deceive ourselves with any false hopes. The struggle ahead will no doubt be a very severe one, but, happily, the Company is in a position to face the future with reasonable equanimity. By concentrating our efforts on conserving our resources as far as possible until the clouds have cleared, we can only hope for the dawn of a better day.

If my speech has seemed rather gloomy I am happy to be able to refer to a point with enthusiasm, namely, the splendid loyalty and whole-hearted co-operation of the staff of the Company, both ashore and afloat, during a period of anxiety and very severe one, but, happily, the Company is in a position to face the future with reasonable equanimity. By concentrating our efforts on conserving our resources as far as possible until the clouds have cleared, we can only hope for the dawn of a better day.

With these remarks I beg to propose that the report and accounts as presented be adopted.

Subsidised Competition—Seconding the motion, Mr. W. E. Kirby, Secretary of the China Coast Officers' Guild, acknowledged the Chairman's kindly reference to the floating staff and declared that, where the company had had difficulty obtaining ranks, he thought he had always been able to obtain suitable men.

Mr. Kirby continued: "You referred to an agreement with other river steamers. Can I infer that the owners of two certain river boats trading to Macao were parties to that agreement?"

The Chairman: Yes.

Mr. Kirby: And would it also be correct to assume that these vessels are supported by heavy subsidies which are very competitive by reason of their being outside the limits of legitimate trading?

The Chairman: Yes.

Mr. Kirby: Is there no hope that this position may be eliminated?

The Chairman: No.

The Chairman added that the Company was grateful for the helpful attitude of Mr. Kirby at all times.

The motion was carried.

Messrs. M. K. Lo and J. P. Braga, retiring directors, were re-elected.

The auditors, Messrs. Linstead & Davis and Messrs. Lowe, Elingham & Matthews, were also re-elected.

Judgment For Tenants

Landlord To Pay \$3,000 And Costs

Judgment for the full amount claimed \$1,000 each and costs, was awarded to the plaintiffs by Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell in the Summary Court this morning, when an important case dealing with the Evictions Ordinance was concluded.

Mr. S. Ng Quon, who had previously appeared for defendant, Lau Fong-cho, landlord of No. 137 Woo Sung Street, Kowloon, informed the Court that he had had no further instructions, and asked for permission to withdraw. Defendant failed to appear in Court.

Alleged Breach Of Contract

Mr. F. H. Loseby appeared for plaintiffs, Ho Yun-wa, Cheung Kam, and Tam Kam-lee, tenants of No. 137 Woo Sung Street. The action was brought against the owner of the house for breach of contract.

It was stated at the previous hearing that the landlord had got the tenants out of the premises until a certain date in order to reconstruct the premises. An agreement was made that the tenants should re-enter when reconstruction was made, but the landlord denied the agreement. The tenants returned later, but were forcibly turned out by the landlord's family.

After Mr. Loseby had proved his case for plaintiffs, he addressed the Court on the question of damages, and asked for exemplary damages.

Continuing, Mr. Loseby said the Court had judicial knowledge of the present housing shortage. The plaintiffs had in each case, been deprived of the principal tenancy of the whole floor, and if any of the plaintiffs secured a new tenancy, they would no longer have protection of the Evictions Ordinance.

The Court found in favour of the plaintiffs and awarded them the sum of \$3,000 and costs.

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NEW R.A.F. RAID ON SYLT: NAZI BASES DESTROYED

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havoc with the already crater-plitted aerodrome surface.

On a further making a dive bombing attack at low level released a heavy salvo which was seen to burst near the side of the main runway.

A strongly burning fire was reported by one of the returning raiders. Raiders on Christiansand concentrated on the runways and aerodrome buildings and evaded a barrage put up by ground defences. They registered many hits.

Of the large force of aircraft employed on last night's widespread operations two failed to return. From some aerodrome was also heavily bombed.

One aircraft which was detailed to attack Fornebu did not reach its objective as it sighted two enemy ships steaming north near the head of Oslo Fjord. It dropped two salvos of bombs which burst close to the leading vessel and then descended to within 150 feet of the water and machine-gunned the leading ship as it made for the shore.

Full Moon Aids

The fourth successive attack on Aalborg was made in perfect weather. There was a cloudless sky and a full moon.

For the first time no enemy aircraft was seen on the aerodrome but powerful ground defences were alerted. The raiders were met by a barrage of fire over the target area and the persistent attentions of a ring of searchlights just outside the aerodrome.

High level bombing attacks were made and many hits were observed on the aerodrome.

The raid on Westerland aerodrome at Sylt was carried out by a large force of long range bombers. One hangar was hit several times and another is believed to be badly damaged. The runways were successfully bombed and fires started on the aerodrome.

The first bomber met only a moderate fire but as the attack developed pom-poms placed round the aerodrome maintained a steady barrage of fire.

War's Greatest Air Armada

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".—LONDON, April 24 (UP).—The British raids on Sylt, Denmark and Norway to-day were carried out by what was probably the greatest armada of warplanes ever to take to the sky for actual bombing operations.

It is unofficially estimated that at least 100 British machines participated in the raid on Sylt alone. The Air Ministry admits that the raid on the Westerland base was carried out by a large force of long-range bombers.

One hangar in the aerodrome was hit several times and another is believed to have been badly damaged by a bomb which fell between it and the runway.

The southwest corner of the triangle of runways was also pockmarked with bomb craters.

Incendiary Bombs

Fires were started in various buildings in the aerodrome by incendiary bombs.

When the attack started night operations were apparently being carried out by the enemy, because one of the R.A.F. pilots reported lights in the hangars and fires around the boundary of the aerodrome.

These were extinguished as the British machines neared their objective.

Westerland was approached from various directions. There is no doubt but that this method of attack took the enemy by surprise, for the first bomber to reach its objective encountered only moderate A.A. fire.

Opposition Increases

The opposition increased in intensity, however, as the attack developed, and pom-pom guns around the aerodrome soon maintaining a constant barrage.

While these raids were in progress, other R.A.F. bombers of the same command were carrying out the customary security patrol over the North Sea.

One of the planes patrolling in the Heligoland Bay was fired on by two German naval auxiliaries.

Ship Bombed

Diving from a height of 4,000 feet down to 1,500 feet in the face of intense A.A. fire, the British plane bombed one of the ships.

The anti-aircraft fire ceased abruptly and, according to the report of the pilot, the ship disappeared.

Another plane patrolling a nearby area soon after midnight came under fire from two large motor-boats. The plane immediately made a low-level bombing attack, dropping six bombs in quick succession.

Turning back to observe the results of his action, the R.A.F. pilot could see only one boat in the water.

German Report

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".—BERLIN, April 24 (UP).—D.N.B. reports that three British planes were brought down this morning during the raid on Stavanger Aerodrome.

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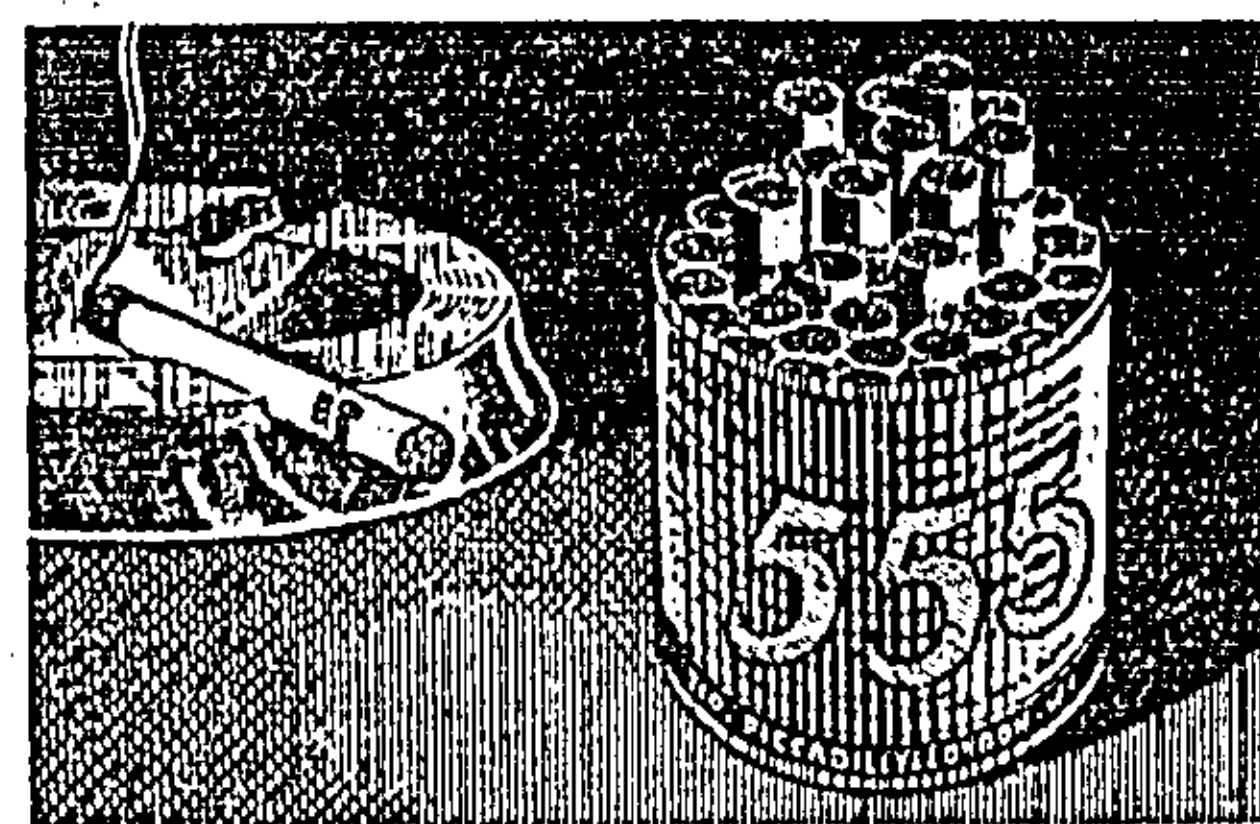
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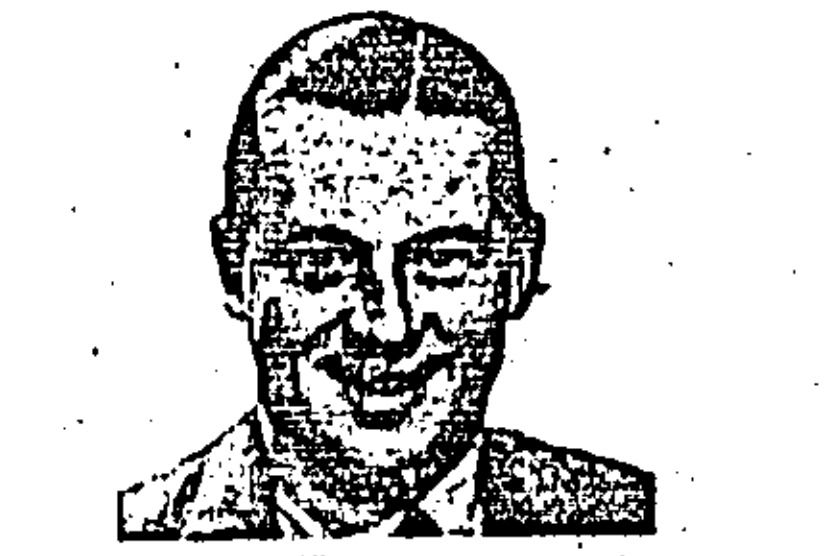
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LATE NEWS

Press Comments On Norway

LONDON, Apr. 25 (Reuter).—The attention of British newspapers today reverts to Norway. Although official information is necessarily fragmentary, the Norwegian campaign is seen as being satisfactorily conducted.

The view is expressed that it may be a long and a hard task, but belief in an ultimate Allied victory remains unshaken.

Note is taken of the fact that a strong German counter-attack in the Trondheim sector has been repulsed and that the situation there has been re-established.

Satisfaction is equally expressed at the far-reaching exploits of the R.A.F., which carried out on Tuesday night and early on Wednesday the biggest series of night raids on enemy aerodromes since the war began.

The "Daily Telegraph" writes: "We have every reason to be satisfied with the speed and daring of the campaign, and with the results achieved. The campaign is still only in its early stages. The Allies have been racing to frustrate the German plans and so far they are ahead."

"The command of the sea has been brilliantly used to make landings over a long stretch of the Norwegian coast. The persistence and energy of our bombing command has restricted the capacity of the German Air Force."

"The German troops must rely on the Nazi air strength to obtain success. One of the first objectives of our forces must be to establish bases in Norway from which our bombers and fighters can deal with the German forces faithfully."

The "Daily Express" assures its readers that "Hitler will be faced with failure in Scandinavia."

The "New Chronicle" says: "Britain's bombers are warning things up for Hitler's air bases."

The "Daily Mail": "The Royal Air Force has carried out the greatest raids of the war."

The "Manchester Guardian": "We must be prepared for a hard task in Norway. On the whole, we have good cause for satisfaction. We also have managed to entrench ourselves in Norway and we, unlike the enemy, have a fleet at our back. For the first time Germany has found something hard to take and while the legend of invincibility fades her supplies of oil and petrol are also being consumed."

Balkans Feel Imminent Peril

LONDON, Apr. 25 (Reuter).—The Balkan countries are on the alert, writes the Balkans correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph."

"A feeling of imminent peril has developed out of the general uneasiness which has prevailed in the past few weeks."

"There are no definite facts to account for this sudden development but it exists."

"The insolent German press attacks on Swedish policy are thought to herald, perhaps, a new move by Germany or Soviet Russia—perhaps by both."

"The question now being asked is whether the Balkans might not become involved, either simultaneously or immediately afterwards."

"A puzzling feature of the situation is that Russia is known to be digging trenches on her side of the Dniester River, which is the boundary between Rumania, Bessarabia and Soviet Ukraine."

"Materials, presumably for new fortifications, are being rushed by the Russians to the Rumanian frontier by day and by night. No civilians are being allowed access to the frontier area."

Freedom Of Expression

Need Emphasised By Mr. A. Greenwood

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Deputy Leader of the Labour Party at a luncheon speech today emphasised the need for freedom of expression.

Stressing that the Labour Party stood 100 per cent. behind any effort necessary for the successful prosecution of the war, Mr. Greenwood said that Hitler made his first capital blunder when he decided on the invasion of Denmark and Norway.

That blunder proved that Corporal Hitler could never have been a sailor, he said.

Not Very Flattering

"I should like to be able to read Admiral Raeder's diary," he said, "to see what he thinks of his beloved leader. I should not think the diary would be very flattering."

Discussing the neutrals, Mr. Greenwood said that even the United States was having to pay a heavy bill for armaments not because she herself was threatened but because no one knew how far this war would extend.

He would not plead with the neutrals to join the Allies as the powers already on their side were amply sufficient.

China's Role In Future

To Assume Leadership In Far East

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—Mr. Quo Tai-chi, the Chinese Ambassador in London, speaking at the British Association for International Understanding, said that leadership in the Far East will inevitably fall to China by reason of her vast area and population, and even more, by reason of her culture and genius for development in modes of peace.

No Facile Optimism

"I can entertain no facile optimism as regards the redemption of the Japanese people within a practicable measure of time from the domination of the military caste with their programme of hegemony in East Asia and mastery over the Western Pacific areas," said Mr. Quo.

He added that China had an important part to play in Anglo-American relations because the strategic and commercial interests of Britain and the United States were parallel in the Far East.

Sweden Floats New Defence Loan

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—It is announced that Sweden is floating a 500,000,000 kroner (about £250,000,000) Defence Loan, bearing interest at four per cent. and redeemable in five years.

EMPIRE HAS 2,000,000 MEN UNDER ARMS

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—It is authoritatively learned that the British Empire now has 2,000,000 men under arms exclusive of the Royal Navy, Marines, the Mercantile Marine, Air Force, the Police and civil defence services, all civil transport personnel organisations, workers in war industry and all other public services. The armies in France and the Middle East are being steadily augmented.

The average age of the British soldier is now 26. A large number of volunteers from older age groups are still being accepted for the Army and for every three men so far called up two such volunteers have been enlisted.

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